

John W. Darden, secretary of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, is anxious to obtain a picture of the old wooden courthouse which was replaced some years ago by the present brick building.

County Agent W. V. Hays said today he hoped that arrangements could be completed for distribution of the cotton stamps to participating Washington County farmers next week.

Weldon L. Baker, of Kinston, is here repainting and redecorating the marquee of the Plymouth Theatre. He will go to Ahoskie from here.

Treasurer E. G. Arps, of the Old North State Fund, said yesterday that \$60 of the \$100 quota for Washington County had been raised.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Spruill and daughter, Carolyn, went to Norfolk Sunday to visit Mr. Harry Stell, who has been receiving treatment in the Marine Hospital there.

G. K. Harris, local rural letter carrier, after 33 years and 11 days of service, has officially filed application with the Post Office Department for retirement.

Miss Dorothy Johnston has been employed in the Womble Drug Store here. She is from Richmond, W. Va., and intends to return home in time to reenter high school there in September.

Merchants Held Meeting Monday

The Plymouth Merchants Association, in session here Monday night, delegated E. H. Liverman, S. D. Davis, and Joe M. Crowder as a committee to cooperate with other agencies in the rat-extermination campaign, which will get underway here next week.

L. H. Lowe and Dave Kulman reported they were continuing their efforts to get later mail dispatches in the afternoon and evening for outgoing mail from the local office.

A committee, composed of A. J. Byrd, Abe Adler and E. E. Harrell, was asked to see Mrs. H. Marion Ramsey about serving as secretary of the credit bureau, which the merchants association is endeavoring to revive.

Potato Shipments Show Big Decline

Up to last Saturday night 256 freight carloads of Irish potatoes had moved from Washington and Tyrrell Counties to northern markets this season.

Ten carloads of the potatoes were bought by the Surplus Commodity Corporation, which went on the market in an effort to bolster sagging prices toward the close of the marketing season.

Saturday quotations gave Washington and near-by eastern Carolina shipping points prices of \$1.30 and \$1.40 for U. S. No. 1 cobbles, f.o.b. shipping points.

12,500 Feet of Water and Sewer Lines Laid Here by WPA in Past 7 Months

Twenty members of a crew of Works Project Administration workmen, under the direction of O. H. Britton, have laid 12,500 feet of water and sewer lines in the Town of Plymouth during the past seven months.

By the judicious extension of the water mains and installation of six new fire hydrants recently, no place inside the old corporate limits of the town is more

President and Governor Ask Adoption Of Daylight Saving Time August 1st

It is predicted here that industrial plants, business houses, city and county offices and the population of the county in general will be ready to adopt the daylight saving time proposed as a national defense measure.

Mayor B. G. Campbell indicated today that he would ask local stores, business houses, and

industrial plants to cooperate by complying with the request of the national and state executives. E. G. Arps, chairman of the Washington County Commissioners, was out of town, but County Auditor E. J. Spruill said he believed all should cooperate as a patriotic measure.

James W. Norman, president of the merchants association, said his organization would have to assemble and pass on the matter, as he had no authority to commit the individual members.

Rat-Eradication Drive To Start Here Tuesday

Quiz and Answers On Defense Bonds

Q. What is the price of a Defense Savings Bond? A. For the smallest Bond, you pay \$18.75. The Bond will increase in value in ten years to \$25.

Q. What will the Government do with the money I pay for my Bond? A. Your money will be put to work at once in the National Defense Program to protect the freedom and safety of the United States.

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.

6 From County Go To Army Today; 12 To Leave Next Week

Quota Today All Colored Men; White Will Leave Next Wednesday

Eight colored men left here today for Fort Jackson, S. C., to enter the army for their year's military training, and Clerk S. A. Ward, of the local selective service board, announced the names of the 12 white who will leave next Wednesday, July 23, for Fort Bragg, where they will get their training.

Names and order numbers of the colored men leaving today are: Frank Charles Barkley, volunteer; Milton Henry Bateman, No. 253; Henry Edward Boston, No. 258; James Hoggard, No. 261; Sherman Shelton Hunter, No. 423, all of Plymouth; Ammanuel Norman, Jr., No. 304, and Otis Chesson, No. 307, of Roper; George Albert Blount, No. 499, of Creswell.

The men and order numbers who are to leave next Wednesday are as follows: Luther Reason, volunteer; Hilton Harris, No. 338; William Clyde McCoy, No. 495; and James Russell Patrick, No. 58, all of Plymouth; Julian Comstock, No. 353; Irvin Washington Ambrose, No. 443; Wallace Dailey Oliver, No. 453, and Leroy Spruill, No. 474, all of Creswell; Alex Ander Taylor, No. 362; Silas Irvin Davenport, No. 470; Elbert Thornton Tarkenton, No. 471; and Harry Morgan Chesson, No. 516, all of Roper.

When all these men are inducted into service, there will be a total of 201 white and colored men from the county in the military forces. Eighty-eight will have entered through selective service, including those who answered the 15 calls made so far. A total of 112 men entered the service through other than selective service channels.

Ben Sumner Back In Insurance Field

Announcement is made this week of the appointment of Ben A. Sumner as an agent in this district for the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Sumner first came to Plymouth 23 years ago as a representative of the Jefferson Standard. There are many policy holders in this vicinity which purchased insurance from him that now hold paid-up policies.

Ask Citizens to Help By Putting Out Bait About Their Homes

Program Under Supervision Of L. C. Whitehead, of Biological Survey

The health department has been advised by W. V. Hays, Washington County farm agent, that the rat-eradication campaign mentioned in the past week's issue of The Roanoke Beacon, will begin next Tuesday, July 22. The program, according to Mr. Hays, will be under the supervision of L. C. Whitehead, of the U. S. Biological Survey.

It is understood that the Plymouth Merchants Association and the City of Plymouth will contribute their part to the expense of the eradication program; and it is hoped that many individuals will be willing to purchase enough of the poisoning agent (red squib) to carry on the rat-killing program around their own premises, such as residences, barns, and other places where rats may find harbor.

Special attention: As far as possible, keep all foods, scraps of food or other materials away from rats, at least from now until the program is over. It must be remembered that rat food is scarce. Garbage cans and scrap piles may contain much food that rats will eat, consequently they will not be quite so eager to eat rat bait.

The program calls for 200 pounds of poisoned bait to be used around the water front, business houses, warehouses and other places in the business area where rats are found. Citizens of Plymouth and Washington County are advised to make all future buildings rat-proof. It is not very expensive and will be the means of greatly reducing the rat population, which will in turn reduce our ever-increasing danger of typhus fever.

People in residential areas may call the county agent's office, the city police force or the district health department in regard to securing bait and having it put out. It is anticipated that the boy scouts will be trained in order to assist in this work while procedure. Enough rat bait for the average home may be secured for about 50 cents.

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He will continue traveling for the hat company. His duties with this firm requires but five months in covering his territory twice each year. The time Mr. Sumner is off the road he will devote to representing the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company in Plymouth. He has offices in the Brinkley Hotel Building.

County Is Allotted 105 Teachers, 3 More Than for Last Term

49 White Teachers Allotted, 15 for High Schools and 34 for Elementary

Public schools in Washington County will have 105 teachers—3 more than last term—for instructing the approximately 4,000 white and colored boys and girls expected to crowd the school plants during the 1941-42 term, which will probably begin September 4, it was learned today from H. H. McLean, county superintendent of public instruction.

The elementary departments of the white and colored schools in Plymouth will get an additional teacher each, while the third new instructor will be assigned to the Pritchett colored school in the Creswell district.

Principal R. B. Trotman, of the Plymouth school, said the employment of an additional teacher and replacement of Mrs. E. W. Ferguson, public-school-music teacher, with a grade teacher, would reduce the number of combination rooms from three to one this term. He also said that if the children would enroll and attend during the first two weeks of school, there was a possibility that a second new teacher might be secured here for the term.

Teacher allotments for the county, as certified by Nathan H. Yelton, new executive secretary of the State School Commission, follows: Plymouth white: 6 high school, 14 elementary, total 20; Roper white: 4 high school, 8 elementary, total 12; Creswell white: 5 high school, 13 elementary, total 18. There are 49 white teachers, 15 for the high schools and 34 for the elementary grades.

Health Department And Forest Warden Services to Continue

County Board Orders Inclusion of Appropriations In New Budget

The Washington County Commissioners, after postponing their regular meeting last week, met Monday at the courthouse for consideration of routine matters.

The board appropriated \$1,250 to match a fund from the State and Federal governments for continuing forest-fire protection service another year.

W. R. Gaylord, county attorney, was appointed delinquent tax collector.

The commissioners also appropriated \$2,500 for continued participation of Washington County in the district health department set-up, including Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington Counties.

The commissioners approved a petition presented to them asking that a bridge be constructed across Peacock Run, where it crosses the road leading to the old Edgar Bateman homeplace from Highway No. 32. The petition recited that eight families and a number of school children would be served by the bridge.

W. M. Darden Heads Tri-County Council For Civilian Defense

Assistants for This County Also Designated; Aid in Aluminum Drive

Immediately following notification of his selection to be chairman of the Tri-County Council of Civilian Defense, embracing Washington, Tyrrell and Hyde, Representative W. M. Darden today announced his appointments of assistants in Washington County.

The following have been asked to serve with him on the council, the first work of which will be supervision of the gathering of scrap aluminum in the county July 24 and 25: Mayor B. G. Campbell and P. W. Brown, Plymouth; Mayor Henry Starr Everett and Mrs. W. A. Blount, Roper; Mayor C. N. Davenport, sr., and the president of the woman's club at Creswell.

County Farm Agent W. V. Hays and Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home demonstrator agent, are in charge of the collection of scrap aluminum in the rural sections. L. L. Basnight is chairman of the county collection committee.

Broughton To Be Speaker at Wenona Field Day Thursday

Ten Colored Men in County Selective Service Quota for Month of August

Washington County has been assigned a quota of 10 colored men to enter military service in August, it was learned today from Clerk S. A. Ward, of the local selective service board. The men will report to Fort Jackson, near Columbia, S. C., on August 22.

This call, the sixteenth, was received here on the same day the second national draft lottery will be held in Washington, D. C., tonight, when 800 capsules holding the immediate futures of 750,000 young Americans will be drawn.

Will Canvass County For Scrap Aluminum

Scouts and Members Of Home Clubs Will Be Active in Drive

Donations of Old Aluminum Will Be Sought Next Thursday-Friday

A few of the many items which may be contributed for national defense in the nation's gigantic aluminum-gathering campaign to be conducted in this county Thursday and Friday of next week, July 24 and 25, were suggested this week by J. R. Manning, chairman of the district Boy Scout group, one of the principal organizations which will make the canvass for the scrap metal.

Among the items which contain sufficient aluminum for gathering are pots and pans, radio parts, toys, shakers, screening, old washing-machine parts, picture frames, book ends, ice trays, measuring cups, camera equipment, kettles, double boilers, bottle and jar caps, refrigerator plates, and dozens of others.

"Anything that's made of aluminum will do," Chairman Manning said. "That old kettle with the hole in its that been lying around for years will help in making a plane. A careful search of pantries, basements, back porches, and outbuildings will probably reveal several items no longer usable that will go to increase the present aluminum supply."

Dog Taxes Must Be Paid by August 1st

On and after August 1, the local police will begin strict enforcement of the town law requiring payment of dog taxes of \$1 for male and \$2 for female dogs, it was announced today by Chief of Police P. W. Brown, who asks owners to see him and make payment within the next week or so.

License tags for the dogs have been ordered, and Joe L. Nobles will be employed to catch and impound dogs running at large at night as well as those which have no tags found on the streets at any time.

Receiving Applications Here for NYA Training

Miss Ada Valentine, of Edenton, will be at the agriculture building here every Thursday, between the hours of 10 and 4:30, for the purpose of interviewing white and colored persons between the ages of 16 and 24 who wish to receive training through the National Youth Administration.

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Forest Fires Burned Over 13.5 Per Cent of County's Wood Area

Toll Last Fiscal Year Totals \$40,443, Against \$736 for Preceding Year

Forty-five forest fires swept over 19,476.25 acres of land in Washington County during the last fiscal year, doing total damage estimated at \$40,443, according to the annual report of County Forest Warden S. F. Darden to the Board of Washington County Commissioners.

This was in comparison with 18 fires which burned over 926 acres, and doing damage of only \$786, in the preceding fiscal year. The large increase in damage this year was largely contributed to by the dry weather which prevailed up to about a month ago, which made the forest land more susceptible to fires than was the case during the year before.

The total area burned over during the 1940-41 fiscal year represents 13.5 per cent of the 143,500 acres of forest land in the county. Included in the loss were 7,769 acres of merchantable timber, 7,065 acres of reproduction or young forest growth land, and 4,642 acres of open land.

Brush burning caused 9 of the fires, while hunters and fishermen caused 2, smokers 17, incendiarism 7, lumbering 2, railroads 5, and miscellaneous 3. Eighteen parties were prosecuted for violating forest fire regulations, and were assessed fines of \$100 and required to pay court costs of \$135.42. Suppression costs of \$9.30 were collected on three fires. A total of \$193.65 worth of labor volunteered in fire fighting.

Roper Citizens Plan Organization of Ruritan Club at Meeting There July 31

A meeting of civic-minded citizens of the Roper vicinity will be held on Thursday night, July 31, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a Ruritan Club, with Principal White, of the Sunbury school at Gatesville, as the principal speaker and organizer.

Governor's Address Is One of High Spots On Program for Day

Hundreds of Farmers Are Expected To Attend Annual Event

Hundreds of rural men and women of this section of the state will gather at the Blackland Experiment Station at Wenona next Thursday, July 24, for the sixteenth annual Farmers' Field Day, with Governor J. Melville Broughton as the principal speaker.

This annual event is sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, cooperating with the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station and the United States Department of Agriculture and features diversification in farming and agricultural research. J. L. Rea, jr., assistant director in charge of the farm at Wenona, has handled most of the arrangements for the event.

Representative Wilbur M. Darden, of Plymouth, will preside over the morning session and be chairman for the day. In addition to the speech by Governor Broughton the morning program includes the following:

Introduction of Governor Broughton by Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott; invocation by the Rev. O. L. Hardwick, pastor of the Plymouth Methodist church; welcome address and introduction of the chairman of the day by Dr. F. E. Miller, state director of test farms; and music, with Jack Criswell leading the singing.

Other speakers will be Dr. H. H. Biswell, United States Forest Service, whose subject will be "Forest Grazing in Eastern North Carolina"; Dr. L. D. Bayer, head of the agronomy department of State College, on "Forage Crops in a Livestock Program"; Dr. J. E. Foster, animal industry division of State College, on "Forest Grazing and Beef Cattle Production in the Coastal Plains of Eastern North Carolina."

At the conclusion of the morning program, those bringing picnic baskets will find tables on which to spread their lunches by families or groups. Others may secure dinner from a barbecue booth and cold drinks and sandwiches will be sold on the grounds.

A ladies' program has been arranged under the supervision of Mrs. Frances M. Darden, Washington County home agent, for the afternoon. Mrs. Edison Davenport, of Mackeys, will preside, and the principal talk will be made by Miss Mary E. Thomas, extension nutritionist, of Raleigh, on "Foods." Group singing will be led by J. F. Criswell.

A livestock judging contest will start at 3:30 and last about an hour. It will be under the supervision of Earl H. Hostetler, a State College specialist.

There will be a number of exhibits, including one on potato diseases, conducted by Dr. L. W. Nielsen, assistant pathologist, State College; egg grading, supervised by R. B. Kelly, N. C. Department of Agriculture; livestock, at the cattle barns, supervised by Prof. Hostetler, Dr. J. E. Foster, L. V. Blake and Bryan Harris; agronomy, supervised by Dr. E. R. Collins, Dr. P. H. Harvey and Dr. L. S. Bennett; and farm machinery, by representatives of several companies.

Rev. O. L. Hardwick To Preach Sunday Morning

The Rev. O. L. Hardwick will preach Sunday morning at the local Methodist church on the topic, "The Courage to Face Today's Problems." Church school meets at 9:45. The public is invited.

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Groundwork for perfection of the organization was laid at a meeting held there last Thursday night, when 10 men of the community got together to hear an explanation of the working of the Ruritan.