

Men Sent Back by Army Should Get Former Jobs

Selected Service registrants who are rejected at army induction centers because they do not meet army physical standards should be reinstated in their former jobs, Edward S. Blount, chairman of the Washington County Selective Service Board, declared today.

Stating that the selective service training and service act requires former employees to reinstate men inducted into the army who satisfactorily complete their military training, Mr. Blount said employers also had a moral obligation to reinstate former employees who were not actually inducted but who patriotically answered the call for their services.

The chairman pointed out that the mere fact that a selectee is rejected by the army does not mean he is physically unfit for his civilian occupation, as army standards are very exacting, due to the nature of the training program and possible hospitalization or pensions for those who break down under its strain.

Mr. Blount said so far as he knew there have been no cases of this nature in the county, but he wished to make public this statement so that employers and employees of the county may know what is expected of them in case any of the registrants fail to be inducted for physical reasons after answering the call to go to the army.

Appoint 25 Delegates To South Albemarle Meeting at Engelhard

DEEP SEA DIVER



Robert M. Zimmerman, of the Collins Entertainment Festival, provide a new thrill, a trip to the bottom of the sea, his lecture here Thursday of next week, October 2. This will be the second of the Collins series, sponsored by the local Lions Club.

Deep-Sea Thrills On Platform Next Thursday Night

Robert Zimmerman Shows Strange Creatures To Audiences

Magnificent coral gardens of the deep—deadly sharks and barracuda—long lost Spanish galleons and a score or more of little known and mysterious objects of the ocean's bed are vividly portrayed by Robert M. Zimmerman in his fascinating talk, "On the Bottom of the Sea."

He will appear at the Plymouth High School Auditorium Thursday night, October 2, under sponsorship of the Plymouth Lions Club.

Mr. Zimmerman, university graduate, Olympic swimmer and deep sea diver, has had a remarkable marine experience. He played an active part in the making of such underwater motion pictures as "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," "The Mysterious Island" and several others of recent release.

"Bob" Zimmerman is a colorful personality. He has won no less than thirty-three national championships in swimming, diving and canoeing. He was a member of the 1908 and 1912 Canadian Olympic swimming teams and is the holder of several world records.

In 1914 Zimmerman paddled a canoe from Montreal to Chicago, and ten years later made a similar trip from New York to Louisville. It is said that Zimmerman is the only white man who has "shot" the rapids of the St. Lawrence from Kingston to Montreal in a canoe.

A case of interesting deep sea curios which will be on display during Mr. Zimmerman's visit will be of especial interest.

One Hour More Sleep in Prospect for Saturday Night; Daylight Time Ends

Today, tomorrow and Saturday remain for observance of Daylight Saving Time, and then the people of this section, as elsewhere in the state, will return to Eastern Standard Time. Governor Broughton this week officially designate 2 o'clock Sunday morning as the hour for turning back the clocks, although most people who have been observing "new time" will simply set their clocks back before they go to bed Saturday night.

Daylight saving began July 28 and was slated to end at midnight September 28, but the Governor advanced the sign-off time

22 hours in order to avoid radio complications and to conform to action in adjoining states. Most of the people in this section, although they moved their clocks up and observed daylight time, say they will be glad to return to normal, as far as hours are concerned. The change caused some confusion, due to operation of bus, railroad and mail schedules on standard time, but on the whole there was remarkably little criticism.

Governor Broughton said this week that if the state adopted daylight time next summer, it would be on a national basis and not sectional as now.

Thursday, October 9th Is Date Set for 7th Annual Session

Officers Will Be Elected; Road Program Likely To Be Discussed

Delegates from Washington County have been appointed to attend the seventh annual meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association, which will be held in Engelhard on Thursday, October 9, according to W. L. Whitley, vice president for Washington County.

Mr. Whitley said that Comptroller General Lindsay Warren had been invited to make the principal address at the meeting, to which 50 persons have been officially designated as delegates from this county.

Officers will be elected at the meeting, and the 52 delegates from this county will have authority granted by the county commissioners to vote the full strength of the county on this as well as other matters. Mr. May came before the meeting. Melvin R. Daniels, of Manteo, is the present president; W. L. Whitley is vice president for this county; and Walter H. Paramore is recording secretary.

Important developments in the Southern Albemarle's road program will be presented to members of the association for action by President Daniels.

Official delegates from Washington County are: From Plymouth: Z. V. Norman, John W. Darden, J. R. Manning, W. H. Paramore, P. W. Brown, H. H. McLean, Dr. E. S. Furgurson, Mrs. Claudius McGowan, Mrs. A. E. Davenport, C. E. Ayers, John Allen, W. H. Peel, S. F. Darden, S. D. Davis, Charlie W. Bowen, E. G. Arps, E. H. Liverman, B. G. Campbell, and Mrs. W. F. Winslow.

From Roper: J. H. Gaylord, 3d, W. Barton Swain, J. R. Knowles, C. L. Everett, W. W. Mizell, L. E. Hassell, Mrs. Clara E. Snell, J. C. Car-kenton, H. R. Phelps, W. T. Freeman.

From Creswell: John Combs, Mrs. Sidney Smithson, C. N. Davenport, sr. A. L. Holmes, O. D. Hatfield, W. D. Peal, W. T. Phelps, Earl Davenport, Mrs. Fred Smith, Clyde Smithson, E. J. Spruill, E. F. Swain, W. W. Bateman, Hugh Patrick, W. A. Swain, Stewart J. Woodley, M. F. Davenport, and Guy Combs.

From Wenona: J. L. Rea, H. J. Furbee and W. E. Allen.

Rail Traffic Blocked On Sound Bridge by Accident Yesterday

Five Cars of Norfolk Southern Freight Derailed; Repairs Completed

Five freight cars of Train No. 62 of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, bound north, were derailed on the Albemarle Sound bridge yesterday, causing slight damage to the train and track and delaying rail traffic over the span for several hours.

Cause of the derailment of the coal, freight and box cars had not been officially determined today. A wrecking crew had replaced the cars and repaired the tracks after about 10 hours work yesterday and last night.

There were no reports of any injuries to the train crew. It was explained that most of them were either in the front of the train on the engine or at rear in the caboose, while the derailed cars were placed about the middle of the train.

There was little or no damage to the cars, but a number of crossties were torn up when the wheels of the cars crushed them. The main loss was occasioned by the amount of labor required to replace the rails and crossties.

Passenger trains were unable to get by the scene of the wreck, and they exchange mail and express, returning from the point of the accident. Normal traffic was resumed over the bridge today.

Young Man Drowns In Roanoke River Here Late Saturday

Henry A. Hathaway, Jr., of Pitt County, Victim; Had Been Here Two Months

Henry A. Hathaway, Jr., 24, formerly of Pitt County, was drowned in Roanoke River here at the rear of the City Fish Market Saturday night about 10:15. Several people saw the young man wade out into the river and struggle for a few seconds when he reached a depth over his head.

Police were summoned to the scene immediately, and Joe L. Nobles in a boat, using a long stick with a nail in the end, finally located the body on the river bottom. It was hauled to the surface of the water and towed to shore, afterwards being taken to the Horner Funeral Home.

Hathaway had been living in Plymouth for the past two months, being employed at the plant of the Plymouth Box and Panel Company. Before coming here he made his home with his parents near Belvoir, in Pitt County. He attended the Belvoir High School.

It was reported to police by the father of young Hathaway that the young man had suffered a head injury during a period of service in the army and that this injury had subjected the young man to "spells." It was stated that Hathaway walked from a business place here to the river and, without comment, waded out into it.

Funeral services were conducted at his home near Belvoir Monday afternoon by the Rev. D. W. Alexander, Free Will Baptist minister. Burial took place in the Hyman cemetery.

Surviving are the young man's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Hathaway, sr., six brothers: Ashley Hathaway, of Norfolk; Elbert Hathaway, of the U. S. Navy; and Floyd, Jesse Lee and Howard Hathaway, all of the home near Belvoir.

5 County Men Home After Serving Year In National Guard

Honorably Discharged, but Must Register and Be Subject To Draft

The first volunteer trainee to return to his home in the county after a year in the Army was Grayson Everett, of near Roper, who arrived Sunday night, and was followed this week by four other young men who enlisted when he did at Edenton in a National Guard outfit.

The five who have been honorably discharged are: Everett, a cook, who came in Saturday night; Dick Norman, section leader, who arrived home Tuesday; Spratt Hardin, private, who arrived Thursday; Nathan Whitfield, of Mackays, section leader; who arrived Thursday; and Dick Lucas, platoon sergeant, who arrived yesterday. They were all members of the 105th Medical Detachment, 30th Division, National Guard, and they had been stationed at Fort Jackson, near Columbia, S. C.

It is expected that the young men will have little difficulty in landing their old jobs after their year's military training. All of them have honorable discharges and certificates showing they have completed a year's military service.

All men who enlisted from September 17, 1940 through January 3, 1941, are classed as Army of the United States men, and will be automatically discharged upon the expiration of their one-year enlistment. However, these young men are required to register with the local selective service board and become subject to their action. If inducted back into the service, it was stated that they would serve the first four months of their new term of training at the basic rate of pay of \$21 per month.

The year's service they have had will not do them any good in respect to pay during the first four months, it was said. However, they may ask to be transferred to the Enlisted Reserves and hold their present rating.

Commission Rejects Plea for 17-A Route

The State Highway and Public Works Commission, in session last Friday at Raleigh, declined to designate the sound bridge route from Washington to the intersection beyond Edenton as No. 17-A, despite hundreds of written requests by individuals, resolutions by organizations and other petitions.

Strong opposition to the request for the alternate route designation came from Edenton, Williamston, Windsor and other towns on U. S. 17. Plymouth and other towns on the proposed alternate route were not represented at the meeting of the highway commission, since no advance notice was given that it would be considered until the day before.

W. L. Whitley, who has been a leader in the campaign to arouse sentiment in favor of the alternate route, said today that "The Northern Albemarle crowd won—as usual."

County Farmers Starting To Dig Peanuts; Estimate Yield 30 Per Cent Off Account Dry Weather

Roper Ruritan Club Organized Last Friday Night; C. H. Floyd Is President

The Roper Ruritan Club was organized last Friday night, with Principal B. L. White, of the Sunbury Schools in Gates County, and a Mr. Gray, of Windsor, Va., former national president of the organization, as the principal speakers.

Twenty-four prominent persons of Lees Mill Township became charter members of the organization, and the club decided to meet monthly on the first Thursday night.

Officers were elected as follows: C. H. Floyd, president; Roy Stillman, vice president; Tom Willey Norman, secretary; Joe E. Oliver, treasurer; Rev. M. R. Gardner, chaplain; Henry Starr

Everett, sergeant at arms; L. E. Hassell, Clinton Everett and A. R. Phelps members of the board of directors.

President Floyd said this week that there had been no definite objectives set for the club as yet, due to the fact that the club had just completed its organization, but he said that matters of this kind would probably come before the club on its second meeting, which will be held Thursday of next week, October 2.

The organization is composed of farmers, business and professional men, and officials of the club expect that it will become a prime factor of community activity in Roper, where it will serve the entire community.

Expect Not More Than 43,000 Bags Will Be Harvested

County Agent Says 6,000 Acres Will Likely Average 7 Bags To Acre

Adverse weather conditions are causing Washington County farmers to begin digging peanuts early this fall, and reports from over the county indicate that growers started digging and stacking the crop as early as last week.

Farmer Ben Spear, from down Creswell way, was reported to have been digging this week and Hilary Reddick, Goldie Simpson and Howard Harrison, in Plymouth Township, have started digging. A. R. Phelps said today that so far as he knew there had been no peanuts dug in the Lees Mill section.

County Agent W. V. Hays said 6,000 acres of peanuts were planted in the county this year for commercial purposes. It was said that the yield would be about seven or eight bags to the acre, three or four bags smaller than the usual yield of 11 bags per acre under normal conditions.

The Peanut Stabilization Cooperative will lend money on peanuts stored with them on average grades of about 4-1-4 and 4-1-2 cents per pound. It is believed, on this basis of government price pegging, that the price for average peanuts will be about 5 cents per pound if they are sold on the open market.

It was further reported that dry weather parched the vines in some places and lack of rain has resulted in about 90 per cent quality of the goobers, in comparison with years when there was plenty of rain and other weather conditions more favorable.

There are about 200 acres of peanuts planted in this county not included in the allotment. They were planted for the express purpose of feeding to hogs. Farmer W. H. Gurkin, near Plymouth, is following this practice with two acres on his farm and is getting ready to turn his hogs into the field very soon.

It is understood the federal government will ask for 1,900,000 more acres of peanuts to be planted next year, in addition to the current commercial allotment, for conversion into oil to aid in the defense program. If the government can get these peanuts grown at what was termed "a reasonable price," it is believed that such a program may be inaugurated.

County Agent Hays pointed out that there was much additional soil in this county which could be planted to peanuts. Some of the land now growing soybeans could possibly be used, it was said, but it was indicated that there would not be enough demand for the use of land devoted to corn.

It was also said that the small Spanish type of peanut would be good for this purpose and that the soil in this county was suitable for this type.

It was believed that 1941 income from peanuts for the entire county will be about as follows: 6,000 acres; yield, about seven 100-pound bags to the acre; total yield, 42,000 bags at about \$5 per bag; bringing the farmers an income of approximately \$210,000. Because of the difference in grades this total may be whittled down to \$200,000. Or it is possible that the peanuts may not average \$5 per 100-pound bag, which would also cut down the income of the farmers.

W. J. Spruill Slightly Hurt in Auto Accident

W. J. Spruill, of Mackays, was only slightly injured when the car he was driving was struck by a hit-and-run driver on the Washington County side of the Albemarle Sound bridge Saturday night.

A short time after he was struck, J. Robert Merritt, Creswell school teacher, ran into Spruill's car, doing some damage but causing no serious injury to anyone.

Sergeant G. I. Dail, of the State Highway Patrol at Edenton, investigated the accidents.

Two Added Teachers Allowed Local School By State Commission

Request for Added Teacher at Cherry School Is Rejected

Allotments Based on Number Enrolled and Average Attendance

Two more teachers will be added to the staff of the Plymouth white schools within a few days, as the result of an additional allotment being authorized this week by Nathan Yelton, secretary of the State School Commission. The authorization for the two additional teachers was received yesterday by H. H. McLean, county superintendent of public instruction.

The request for an additional teacher for district No. 3, including Creswell and Cherry schools, was denied by the secretary, who expressed his regret for such action, but explained that enrollment and attendance in district No. 3 "did not justify the allotment of an additional teacher."

With the addition of two more teachers here, there will be a total of 21 state-allotted teachers in the Plymouth white schools this term. Upon the basis of the new allotment, there will be 7 high school teachers and 14 elementary teachers.

The total number allotted here does not include W. S. Moore, vocational agriculture teacher, and Miss Ruth McLemore, home economics teacher, the salaries of whom are paid jointly by the county, state, and federal governments. Neither is Mrs. Irma Hough, commercial teacher, included on the state list, since she does not receive a salary from the state but is paid by tuition by the students.

Taking all the teachers into consideration, therefore, the total teaching staff in Plymouth is 24, a record number in the history of this growing town. There are 738 students enrolled in the local schools at present, with the number increasing weekly.

The new teachers will be elected immediately, and it is expected that they will be employed and working by next Monday.

Dr. C. J. Andrews, Norfolk, Speaks at Medical Meeting

the principal speaker at the Tri-County Medical Association meeting held at the Plymouth Country Club Tuesday evening, when 35 physicians were present.

Beaufort County physicians were guests of the Tri-County association, which is composed of doctors in Tyrrell, Washington and Martin Counties. Dr. E. W. Furgurson, of Plymouth, is president of the association.

Dr. T. L. Bray welcomed the visitors and Dr. Claudius McGowan was called on for an impromptu talk. Dr. Furgurson introduced the speaker.

County Baptist Churches Join Chowan Association

The Oak Grove, Creswell, Mount Pleasant and Roper Baptist churches, of Washington County, formerly members of the Pamlico Baptist Association, were granted membership in the Chowan Baptist Association at a meeting held in Edenton Tuesday, when about 700 Baptists gathered for the event.

For years the county churches had been members of the Pamlico Association, but since they were at the extreme edge of the association's territory they recently applied for membership in the Chowan association for the sake of convenience.

Scouts to Canvass Town for Books

Boy Scouts will make a house-to-house canvass for school books especially adapted to children in the primary and elementary grades Saturday morning between 9 and 12 o'clock. The canvass is being sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club. The books obtained will be turned over to the school library.

Mrs. W. J. Highsmith, who is in charge of the canvass for this club, urged that everyone contribute either a reader, school textbook or any other kind of book that can be enjoyed by children in the primary and grammar grades.

John A. McNair, 81, Died Tuesday After Illness of Six Months

Funeral Held Yesterday for Well-Known Farmer Of This Section

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning for John A. McNair, 81, who died at his home here Tuesday morning, following a severe attack of a kidney ailment and the infirmities of age after an illness of about six months. The Rev. R. H. Lucas conducted the last rites, and interment took place in the family plot in the Windley cemetery.

A native of Washington County, Mr. McNair had spent his entire life as a farmer in this county. He was well known and highly respected in the section. In 1891 he was married to Miss Laura Spruill at Windsor. He was a member of the Plymouth Baptist church.

Surviving is a brother, J. T. McNair, of Plymouth; one son, Errel McNair, of Roper, and several nieces and nephews.

Pall-bearers were J. H. Leggett, P. H. Darden, P. W. Brown, W. E. Weede, J. W. Darden, and L. L. Basnight.

Episcopal Services for Sunday Are Outlined

Services at Grace Episcopal church Sunday will be as follows: Church school at 10 a. m. Morning worship service at 11 a. m. Young People's Service League, 7:30 p. m.

Police Chief Issues Final Warning To Owners of Dogs To Pay Tax—or Else

Chief of Police F. W. Brown said today that he was giving his final warning to dog owners within the town limits of Plymouth to buy license tags for their animals. After this week arrests will be made of owners and dogs caught running at large in the town will be impounded.

The officer said police had been reluctant in beginning drastic action against dog owners, many of whom keep the animals as pets and care for them; but he said today, that this reluctance would have to be abandoned and the law complied with, as owners had been given every opportunity to secure the licenses by paying the

taxes due. From now on, every dog caught on the streets without a license will be impounded and the owner prosecuted.

About 100 owners of dogs have paid the license fees, and it is estimated there are double that number who have made no effort to comply with the law. The chief said that those who miss their dogs from now on will very probably find them at the pound. To get them out, it will be necessary to pay the tax, the impounding fee and the dog's board while in custody. In addition, the owner is subject to prosecution for permitting the animal to run at large.