

L. L. Basnight, ABC enforcement officer, went into the Lees Mills section of Washington County last week-end and brought back Joe Speller, alias Williams, on a charge of having non-tax-paid whiskey in his possession. However, he was found not guilty in recorder's court.

A number of friends here expressed regrets today when they learned that a recurrence of Burger's disease had necessitated the amputation of the remaining leg of Recorder W. Hubert Coburn, of Williamston, this week. His condition was reported critical this morning, and members of the family had been called to his bedside in a Rocky Mount hospital. Mr. Coburn formerly lived at Dardens and attended school here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Chesson, near Roper, Wednesday morning, a son, Tony Milton Chesson. Mr. Chesson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Chesson, well-known farmers of the Lees Mill section.

S. A. Ward, clerk of the Selective Service Board here, said today that this county had not been called on for a selectee since September 15. There have been at least three official calls since then, but no quota has been assigned to this county in any of them.

M. W. Spruill, secretary and treasurer of the Plymouth Building & Loan Association, is distributing a pamphlet, "Know Your Taxes," which outlines a tax savings plan for those who wish to lay aside a certain amount periodically to take care of their federal taxes.

The men's class and the women's class of the Plymouth Christian church will serve turkey dinners between the hours of 5:30 and 9 p. m. Saturday in the church annex at 50 cents per plate. The profits from the dinner sales will be used for church work.

E. H. Liverman started a sale at his department store here yesterday which will continue for nine days only. He said he felt constrained to offer special values to his customers now, even in the face of the scarcity of merchandise and rising prices.

R. B. Trotman, H. H. McLean, W. S. Moore, and W. H. Paramore, of Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Poole, of Roper; and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brooks, of Creswell, attended a meeting of the Albemarle Schoolmasters' Club in Elizabeth City last week.

Colored Storekeeper Held Up and Robbed Here Monday Night

Four Men, One Masked, Get Total of \$20 at John James' Store

Four unidentified colored men were said by officers to have been connected with a robbery that took place at John James' store, on highway 64, opposite the Brinkley baseball park here Monday night about dark. The men escaped with about \$20 in money taken from the pockets and cash register of the proprietor of the store. It was stated that the same group was believed to have staged a similar robbery in Tyrrell county and thwarted in an attempt to rob a store in Pasquotank county. They were traveling in an automobile, and they were seen at Fagan's Cash Store before the robbery, but no one thought of getting the license number of the car at the time.

George Smith, well known local colored brick mason, who was in the store at the time of the robbery, said that two strange colored men sauntered into the store and took their seat with the crowd. A third "light-faced" man came in and asked to be waited upon, and then the fourth man appeared, with a mask over his face and a gun in his hand, and told those in the store that no one would be hurt if they remained still and quiet. Smith said he at first thought the negro was aiming the pistol at one of his confederates, but when he told them all to be quiet and began waving the pistol at the crowd he said he knew "they meant business." James was ordered not to move, and the robbers emptied his money drawer and his pockets.

When the four men departed, the man with the pistol fired a parting shot at the group and told them to remain seated. The bullet passed just over the head of Smith and went through the rear wall of the store. George said that shot "scattered any ideas I might have had," and some of the others said George fainted.

When the officers were called and reached the scene of the robbery, there was no clue to the four strangers or their car.

Public Health Service Physician Says Students' Eye Trouble Not Contagious

Dr. Rice, a representative of the United States Public Health Service, of Washington, D. C., was in Plymouth yesterday, examining the eyes of children who have been having eye trouble of some kind. After the examination, Dr. Rice said that it would be safe for the children to remain in school, except in a few instances. He also said that the trouble was neither serious nor contagious, and that it

Only One-Third of Red Cross Quota Has Been Reached With But 2 Days To Go

With only about two days left before the campaign closes Sunday, November 30, the annual roll call campaign of the American Red Cross in Washington County has netted contributions totaling only \$312.60, according to Mrs. Frances M. Darden, county roll call chairman. This represents only about one-third of the goal of 1,000 members. Last year, when Mrs. Walter P. Lloyd was chairman of the county drive, a total of \$360 was raised.

As it stands now, the Creswell branch has turned in \$115; the white and colored schools of the county, through the junior Red Cross, has

raised \$72.60; and the colored teaching staff of the county, which signed up 100 per cent, turned in \$46 through H. H. McLean, county superintendent of schools, and \$8 through Trullima Brickhouse, Creswell branch worker; and the Plymouth workers have reported \$79 raised.

Mrs. Darden said that she and the other workers were making a determined effort to see everyone possible and solicit the membership fee of \$1 or a contribution.

The following workers are continuing very active in the campaign: Plymouth: Mesdames D. A. Hurley, A. Lloyd Owens, W. H. Johnson, A.

J. Riddle, Hilda Gurganus, Eddie Getsinger, Joe Arps, and Miss Olga Gardner; Creswell: Mesdames Clyde Smithson, chairman, O. D. Hatfield, J. B. Davenport, H. S. Tarkington, J. M. Phelps, A. T. Brooks, C. N. Davenport, Jr., Jennings Davenport, and Miss Grace Stillman.

John W. Darden, chairman of the county chapter, appealed today to everyone to avail themselves of the opportunity to join the organization, as the need for Red Cross funds is becoming more urgent all the time.

Names of those enrolling will be published next week. The list came to the paper too late for this week.

Grant of \$18,785 for School Building Here Is Approved by WPA

NEW CORONER



Jack Horner, owner of the Horner Funeral Home here, was last week named Washington County coroner, succeeding Jack Peete, who resigned to return to his home as a justice of the peace.

No Indications Yet As To How Quickly Work May Be Begun

Total Cost Estimated at \$33,310; County's Share Is \$14,525

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner said this week he had been advised by President Franklin D. Roosevelt that the Work Projects Administration had approved a project for the construction of a grammar school building at Plymouth, with a WPA allotment of \$18,785.

The contemplated building will include six classrooms, a rest room, book stock room and a small office. Principal R. B. Trotman said today that this was good news to him, because it would afford the rapidly growing white school more and better classrooms to relieve congested conditions and to improve the comfort of the children.

The cost figured several months ago by Frank Benton, Wilson architect, has been increased because of mounting material prices and the total cost of the building and the performance of appurtenant and incidental work, including grading and landscaping the grounds, is now estimated at \$33,310 by WPA officials. The WPA agreed to take care of 56.4 per cent of the amount, or \$18,785 and the county will put up the balance of \$14,525.

It is not known when actual work will begin on the new building, but the Leggett property has been bargained for and the deal will be consummated as soon as the money is passed from the county to the present owner. WPA labor is scarce in the county and defense activity has been drawing on certain material needed in construction, which may also delay work on the building.

It also has been learned that the county commissioners have not yet made available their part of the project money. However, a plan may be worked out whereby immediate work can be started on the building so that it may be ready in time for the 1942-43 term.

Ida Ruth Knowles Signally Honored

Miss Ida Ruth Knowles, daughter of County Commissioner and Mrs. J. C. Knowles, of Roper, who will receive her B. A. degree at E. C. T. C. in Greenville next June, is among those who will be listed in the 1941-42 issue of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities," which will be released in January or February.

This book is published through the cooperation of over 600 American universities and colleges. It is the only means of national recognition for graduates. Several students from accredited colleges are selected each year by an unprejudiced committee to have their biographies appear in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Miss Knowles served as student council member for two years; as a society marshal, society president; junior class president and senior class president; secretary of the president's club; and assistant editor of the Student Handbook.

She graduated from the Roper High School in the class of 1938 as valedictorian of her class and was a member of the National Honorary Beta Club.

Program of Services at Local Methodist Church

Rev. O. L. HARDWICK, Pastor
The Rev. O. L. Hardwick will preach Sunday morning on the topic "On Being Born Again," and at 7:30 in the evening on the subject, "Courage and Consolation." Other services for the day are:
Church school, 9:45.
Junior League, 2 p. m.
Eunorth League, 8:30 p. m.
Come and start the new church year by worshipping each Sunday.

William H. Phelps Dies at Home Near Plymouth Sunday

Well-Known Farmer Passes After Lengthy Illness With Heart Trouble

Funeral services were held at the Plymouth Christian church Tuesday for William Herbert Phelps, 57, who died Sunday at his home near Plymouth as the result of a heart disease. He had been in declining health for about two years. The Rev. Eugene B. Taylor officiated, and interment was made at the Ambrose cemetery, near here.

A native of Washington County, Mr. Phelps was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Phelps. He lived in this county all his life and was well known as an industrious farmer. Thirty-five years ago he was married to Miss Mary Myers, who survives him. For a number of years he was a member of the Zion Chapel Christian church.

In addition to his widow, Mr. Phelps is survived by five daughters: Mrs. Cottie Respass, Mrs. Mitchell Bateman, Mrs. Polly Bateman, Mrs. Georgia Mobley and Miss Mary Mack Phelps; and two sons, Bill and Earl Phelps, all of Plymouth. He also leaves three brothers, Pete and Eli Phelps, of Plymouth, and Ellis Phelps of Creswell; four sisters, Mrs. Eva Spruill and Mrs. Lily Ambrose, of Plymouth; Mrs. Cottie Cahoon, of Durham; and Mrs. Maggie Underwood, of Williamsburg, Va.

Funeral Monday for Joseph G. Jackson

Funeral services were held at the home Monday for Joseph Gray Jackson, 66, who died at his home near here Sunday as the result of a heart disease after an illness of about six months. The Rev. Robert Lee, of Pinetown, officiated, and burial took place in the Jackson cemetery on the Pinetown road.

A son of the late George and Louvenia Stillman Jackson, Mr. Jackson was born in this county and had lived here all his life. He was well known as a capable mechanic, and was a member of the Christian church here. He was married to Miss Annie Ange on June 29, 1910.

He is survived by his widow and an adopted son, Samuel Bateman, of Norfolk. He also leaves three brothers: J. L. Jackson, of Williamston; H. H. Jackson, of Newport; and W. Jackson, of Aulander; and three sisters, Mrs. Lonnie Joyner, of Enfield; Mrs. Percy Reames, of Spring Hopes; and Mrs. Samuel Boyd, of Pinetown.

Shep Sells 144 Tickets But 200 Seats Are Filled

Shep Brinkley, local theatre owner, was puzzled last Monday night. After 144 balcony tickets had been sold to colored people, the report came down that the balcony was filled, although a long line of colored people was still waiting to secure tickets. Knowing that the balcony would seat 200, Mr. Brinkley had tickets sales discontinued until he could make a complete check. His survey showed that there were no empty seats in the balcony, although only 144 tickets had been sold. He said that in the future the door to the fire-escape from the balcony would also be checked.

Local Boy Scouts To Meet Tonight

Local Boy Scouts will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock, in order that the boys may attend the football game Friday night, according to Earl Bowen, assistant scoutmaster. It was stated that Louis Comesa and Harold Nelson, graduate foresters, will go with the scouts on this hike.
Mr. Bowen also said that there would be a hike Saturday morning, and all boys who want to pass their cooking test may do so at this time. The assistant scoutmaster asks patrol leaders to make every effort to have their patrol members present tonight to make arrangements for the hike Saturday morning.

Car Owners Warned To Get Both Town And State Licenses

Town Tags Now on Sale; Those for State Legal Starting Monday

While the North Carolina automobile license plates do not go on sale until next Monday, car owners in the Town of Plymouth are being notified that they may get the town tags at any time. Both the state and town license plates must be on all motor vehicles by January 1.

It is estimated that there are some 6,000 motor vehicles of all kinds in Washington County, with the total "take" estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$70,000. The rate for the state license plates is based on an average of 35 cents per hundredweight for cars, with truck licenses running well up over \$100 each.

The new state tags have black figures on an orange or yellow background, and the town license will follow the same color scheme.

The Town of Plymouth has not required use of town tags in recent years, but the old ordinance calling for them was recently revived, and owners who do not have them installed on their cars by January 1 are subject to a fine. The cost will be \$1 for each motor vehicle, regardless of whether it is a car or a truck.

Prices for the state license plates remain substantially the same as last year, with the exception of trucks operated strictly for individual farm purposes. Each truck owner who applies for a farm truck license, which costs about \$10 plus notary fee, is required to fill in and sign an affidavit including a promise that he will not haul anything for anyone else. Cramped by this limitation, most farmers are expected to buy the regular license plates.

It is pointed out that a strictly farm truck of six tons capacity can operate on a \$30 license tag instead of a \$60 license tag. The minimum fee is reported to be \$10, meaning that the owner of even a pick-up truck will be required to pay \$10. The old fee was \$12, and to get the lower-priced tags, the farmer must answer some very pointed questions.

Red Cross Workers Hear Field Man at Meet Here Friday

Leo Wilhelm Chief Speaker At Dinner Meeting in Community Hall

If the Washington County chapter would become an average chapter of the American Red Cross, about 1,000 members must be enrolled during the annual roll call underway now. Leo Wilhelm, a field representative of the organization, told the 28 workers gathered at a dinner here last Friday night in the community hall.

Basing his estimates on the total car ownership in the state, Mr. Wilhelm said that there were approximately 2,000 cars in this county and that at least one-half of these car owners should join the Red Cross this year. He also said that judging by population, the county with about 13,000 people should provide 1,000 memberships in an emergency.

He suggested that the share of membership fees retained by the local chapter could be used to equip first aid stations along the highways at strategic points in the county; also home nurses could be trained to help take care of needy sick in the county if an epidemic of illness strikes the county; and the chapter should make sweaters for the army and navy; 6,000 sweaters are wanted this year by the New River Marines near Jacksonville.

John W. Darden, chairman of the county, presided at the meeting. Mrs. Frances M. Darden, roll call chairman, and H. H. McLean, chairman of the Junior Red Cross, made reports of their activities. Mrs. B. W. Gaither reported from the Creswell branch.

Present were the following: Mesdames Leroy Bateman, Joe Arps, A. Lloyd Owens, Frances M. Darden, A. J. Riddle, W. H. Johnson, J. K. Reid, D. A. Hurley, W. A. Davidson; Misses Olga Gardner, Martha Booth, and H. H. McLean. Shirley Young, J. W. Norman, W. H. Paramore, Rev. O. L. Darden and Rev. Taylor, J. W. Darden and Mrs. Hilda Gruganus, of Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Poole, Mrs. L. L. Mizell and Mrs. Jasper Swain, of Roper; Mesdames B. W. Gaither, E. S. Woodley, Clyde Smithson and J. M. Phelps, of Creswell.

Successful Duck Hunters Kill Deer on Way Home

En route home from duck hunting Thursday morning at Lake Mattamuskeet, C. C. Edward, C. L. Barnes killed a deer which they happened to see in the road ahead of their car on the other side of Columbia. The hunters were already pleased with the morning's bag of waterfowl and were surprised when the big buck darted into the road ahead of them. Mr. Edwards particularly enjoyed the kill, as it was first deer he had seen in Tyrrell County.

Negro Hold-Up Man Is Killed, Three Others Captured Last Night

NAVAL AIR CADET



James A. Chesson, jr., of Roper, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Chesson, sr., who has completed his basic training course and is now a naval air cadet at Jacksonville where he will receive further training.—Official U. S. Navy Photograph.

Louis Bateman Foils Attempt To Rob His Store Beyond Roper

Dead Man Identified as Glenna Oil; Other Three Now in Jail Here

The hold-up careers of a group of four negroes who have been spreading terror in small stores along the highways in this section recently came to an abrupt end last night, when one of them was shot and almost instantly killed and the other three were jailed following an attempt to hold up the service station and store operated by Louis Bateman, in the Pea Ridge section of this county. The attempted hold-up and shooting occurred about 9 o'clock.

The alleged leader of the band, Glenna Oil, about 40, was killed by Louis Bateman, who fired through a window of the store at the robber, who was holding a pistol on Fred Bateman, brother of Louis, inside the store. Oil managed to stagger across the highway and fell dead, while another of the robbers, John G. Spikes, 18, of Springfield, Ga., was held by Fred Bateman until officers arrived and took him into custody.

The other two members of the band, Henry Bryant, 19, of Norfolk, Va., and Tarboro, who owned the automobile in which the group was traveling, and Ernest Boney, 22, of Cape Charles, Va., were arrested a short time later by a group of officers headed by Sheriff J. K. Reid, of Plymouth. The alarm was broadcast and highway patrolmen and police officials were placed along the highway to prevent the escape of the robbers.

Spikes said he was a seaman, discharged from service on the U. S. S. Robert E. Lee in Norfolk November 8; Bryant said he last worked in a Norfolk cafe as cook; and Boney said he worked at a Norfolk grill before coming here. Oil, the negro killed by Mr. Bateman, was reported by officers to have completed a road term at the Creswell prison camp about three weeks ago.

Bateman told the officers that the negroes drove by his filling station on highway No. 64, near Roper, and stopped a short distance up the road. His suspicions were aroused, and he carried a pistol with him when he went to the wood pile back of the store. He saw the negroes enter the store and watched their movements through a window. When Oil drew a pistol on Fred Bateman inside the store, Louis placed his own weapon on the window sill and attempted to fire at the negro holding the gun. The first time the pistol snapped, and when Oil heard the click, he turned to run. When Bateman pulled on the trigger again, the weapon fired, the ball penetrating the hold-up man's back beneath his right shoulder, ranging outward near the heart. The negro ran across the road and dropped dead almost instantly.

Mr. Bateman notified officers here, and Sheriff Reid, Officers Paul Basnight and G. R. Coburn left for the scene of the shooting. Highway patrolmen were also notified to patrol the road and be on the lookout for the two negroes who escaped. Deputy Sheriff W. D. Peal, of Creswell, also joined in the search and the culprits were caught near Creswell a short time later.

The three surviving robbers, well dressed young men, said today that they did not have a weapon and none was found on them. They claim they were innocent.

Father of L. N. Womble Dies Sunday in Pittsboro

Funeral services were held in the Baptist church at Pittsboro Monday afternoon for L. N. Womble, 69, who died Sunday at 9 o'clock following a brief illness. The Rev. R. R. Gordon officiated, and interment took place in the church cemetery. Mr. Womble was the father of Nyal Womble, local druggist, and was a prominent merchant in Pittsboro for 33 years before he retired about five years ago. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Maude Johnson Womble; two daughters, Mrs. H. K. Goldston, of Angier, and Mrs. G. V. Barbee, of Wake Forest; and three sons, Nyal Womble, of Plymouth; William M. Womble, of Raleigh; and James Womble, of Norfolk.

County ABC Stores Earn Over \$5,000 in Profits Last Quarter

\$2,000 of Amount Is Turned Over to County; State Gets Big Cut

Net profits of the Plymouth and Creswell legal whiskey stores were \$5,334.71 during the third quarter of the current year, ending September 30, it was learned today from J. R. Campbell, chairman of the Washington County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

The profit was divided as follows: \$330.10 set aside as reserve for law enforcement, including payment of salaries to L. L. Basnight and others engaged in prosecuting illegal whiskey sellers and manufacturers; \$1,769.15 paid to the State of North Carolina as taxes; and the remainder of \$3,265.46, was designated as surplus, \$2,000 of which was turned over to the county.

Gross sales of whiskey for the quarter amounted to \$20,844.50; sales in the Plymouth store totaling \$18,170.95, and Creswell \$2,673.55. The stock cost \$13,582.62, and gross profits on all sales were figured at \$7,261.88. Operating expenses of the stores, including salaries, wages, rent, light, water, heat and supplies, taxes and depreciation for the quarter amounted to \$1,188.86; administrative costs, including auditing, legal advice, bags, per diem for board members, office supplies, taxes, insurance, and supplies, were \$893.80; bringing the total expense of the quarter to \$2,082.66.

Assets of the ABC board on September 30 lists cash on hand, \$8,651.14; warehouse stock and stock in stores, \$9,574.60; furniture and fixtures and other fixed assets bringing the total to \$18,568.61.

Laymen's Thank Offering Sunday

A laymen's thank offering will be taken at the morning worship service Sunday at Grace Episcopal church, the proceeds to be used in strategic points in the East Carolina Diocese, according to church officials. A large part of the first offering, taken sometime ago, was devoted to the work of Misses Elizabeth McMurray and Jettie Odell with the inland waterway missions, and W. G. Gaither, chairman of the diocesan committee, has advised local laymen that he is "determined to do my best to get this laymen's thank offering to the place where it will really mean something."

The church school will meet at 10 a. m., morning service at 11 a. m., and Young Peoples Service League at 7:30 p. m.

There will be a meeting of members of the church Monday night at 7:30 to elect vestrymen and other officials for 1942 and to discuss general matters relating to the parish.

Schedule of Prices To Be Loaned on Soybeans in Storage Is Announced

The schedule of prices which will prevail under the soybean loan program was received from state and national officials this week by County Agent W. V. Hays, who said that farmers who wished to participate could store the beans at their homes or in government bonded warehouses and secure loans on them. Loans available on 1941 soybeans grading 4 or better, stored on farms or in approved warehouses, are as follows: Farm storage loan rates, No. 2, \$1.05 per bushel; No. 3, \$1.03; No. 4, \$1.01. Warehouse storage loan rates: No. 2, 98 cents; No. 3, 96 cents; and No. 4, 96 cents per bushel. Mr. Hays said the loans would be available until January 31, 1942, and will mature on June 30, 1942.