

Corporal H. W. Stillman, at home from Fort Benning, Ga., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Stillman, said today that after war was declared orders were issued to sentries to order persons entering the military reservation there to "halt" one time and then fire if the person failed to stop. Before that time sentries were required to repeat the challenge three times before shooting.

Th Branch Banking & Trust Company will be open Christmas Eve, Wednesday night, for one hour, from 8 to 9, to give patrons last-minute service before closing two days for the Christmas holidays, Thursday and Friday.

N. C. Vail, who is on a submarine with the U. S. Fleet in the Pacific, wrote his mother from Honolulu on December 12, and although the letter was censored, he got the message over to his mother, Mrs. Jane Vail, that she "could bet her last nickel that everything there was under control."

Postmaster John W. Darden said today that post office employees were much gratified that patrons were wrapping packages more securely this year than usual. This is a great convenience for the workers, Mr. Darden said, especially during the Christmas rush.

The Boy Scouts of Plymouth will meet at the courthouse basement Friday evening at 7:30, as usual. It is urged that every Scout be present. Special matters will be discussed, and a program has been arranged.

Elective office for Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, A. F. & A. M., for the coming year are as follows: J. Linwood Knowles, master; Tom B. Brown, senior warden; W. J. Highsmith, junior warden; B. G. Campbell, treasurer; and John W. Darden, secretary. Appointive officers will be announced later.

Corporation Formed Recently Will Take Over Country Club

Group of 20 Men of This Section Organize To Buy Property

A new corporation, composed of 20 stockholders in Plymouth, Williamston, Washington, and Columbia, was recently formed under the name of the Country Club of Plymouth, Inc., to purchase the \$80,000 club house and golf course here, and will take over the operation of the property January 1, 1942.

At a meeting of the stockholders last Thursday night, the following officers were elected: Eugene F. Still, president; Z. V. Norman, first vice president; H. M. Kleckhefer, second vice president; L. J. Meunier, Jr., secretary; and E. A. Harrison, treasurer. Directors, in addition to the above-named officers are: E. L. Walker, J. R. Manning and Ellis Maples, of Plymouth; C. G. Crockett and Frank J. Margolis, of Williamston; and Mack G. Waters, of Washington.

There are, at the present time, about 80 members of the club, and plans are being made by the officers and directors to begin a drive after the first of the year to secure an additional 80 members. The scale of membership dues will remain about the same as at the present time, it is understood.

It is presumed that the club will be operated substantially in the same manner as heretofore. However, plans are underway for the operation of a restaurant with moderate prices in the club dining room, and efforts will also be made to have the clubhouse become the center of local social affairs, as well as golfing activities. Under the new ownership the club will be locally owned and operated.

Announcement is made that those who wish to become members of the club should see E. A. Harrison, L. J. Meunier, Jr., Ellis Maples, J. R. Manning, or any other director or officer of the new organization.

It was announced that new members of the club who join now or during the early part of the first quarter of 1942 will be relieved of the payment of the \$10 initiation usually required.

Building Highway To New Settlement

Complying with a request from the Washington County Commissioners, the State Highway and Public Works Commission employees in this section have already surveyed and made arrangements for construction of a 22-foot road from Highway No. 64 to the "Little Richwood" village west of Plymouth.

The road leading from the highway to the village is about a half mile long. There are now 52 houses in the development and it is expected that there will soon be more. The inhabitants of the village are employed at the North Carolina Pulp Company. The state road crew will also construct three streets in the village. It was said the State force would build the streets if the villagers remove stumps from them, and all of the stumps have now been removed.

Nearly \$200 Raised in Last-Minute Drive for Christmas Cheer Fund

Business Houses Extend Greetings

As an expression of their appreciation for the friendship and patronage accorded them in the past, the Plymouth merchants and other business men pause at this Christmas time to extend their sincere greetings to all the people of this section through the columns of this paper today.

A new hope and a greater understanding are created at this Christmas time, and to enhance the value of these, the business forces of the town express, in a most sincere way, their wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Read the little messages, without which Christmas would be little more than just any other day in the year, and know that these firms are interested in your happiness at all times, and especially at this glad season.

Funeral Tuesday For J. B. Bateman Former Resident

Funeral services were held at the Plymouth Christian church here Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock for Johnson Beauregard Bateman, 80 years of age, who died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. E. S. Bulluck, in Rocky Mount early Monday morning, following an illness of six months.

The Rev. Eugene B. Taylor, of Plymouth, and the Rev. Lonnie Scarborough, of Rocky Mount, officiated. Interment took place in the Windley cemetery near here.

Born in Washington County, the son of the late John and Mrs. Nancy Bateman, Mr. Bateman lived here for about 55 years before moving to Petersburg, Va. He was a retired railway employee and a member of the Primitive Baptist church.

Mr. Bateman was first married to Miss Caroline Arnold in 1882. After her death in 1901 he was married to Miss Mamie Francis in 1903. His second wife died in 1938.

Following his death Monday morning the body was brought to the Horner Funeral Home here and remained there until the funeral at the Christian Church Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Bateman is survived by two sons, S. C. Bateman, of Williamsburg, Va., and B. J. Bateman, of Newport News, Va.; and five daughters: Mrs. G. W. Bowen, of Plymouth; Mrs. C. B. Mashburn, of Farmville; Mrs. C. B. Holder, of Asheville; Mrs. J. M. Day, of Portsmouth, Va.; and Mrs. E. S. Bulluck, of Rocky Mount. He is also survived by two sisters: Mrs. Amelia Stillman and Mrs. E. G. Harrison, of Plymouth; two brothers: B. F. Bateman, of Jamesville, and T. W. Bateman, of Plymouth.

The pall-bearers were Earl Bowen, Merle Bowen, Erwin Bowen, C. B. Mashburn, Jr., A. B. Gregory, and B. Barnes.

New Year's Party at Local Country Club Is Planned

A New Year's Eve party is planned for the Country Club of Plymouth, with members and prospective members being invited, according to J. R. Manning, a director, who urged those interested to make plans for enjoying the event. He said it was planned to make this the largest and best of the annual New Year parties ever held here.

Peace is that state in which man, no matter what his race or nation or color, can freely live with an equal opportunity to use his talents and abilities as a child of God.

When this right is denied to men anywhere there can be no peace on earth.

As Christians we are called today to face the fact that the forces of oppression are robbing man of his right to peace. The people of England can have no peace as long as shelters must be their refuge from destructive bombs, and while their coasts are threatened by invasion.

The people of France can have no peace as long as the Hitler-appointed oppressors force a hated collaboration with the conquerors who have made them slaves. The peoples of Holland and Belgium—violated, impoverished—can have no peace while they suffer under the tyrant's heel.

The people of Poland—the tragic country of broken homes and divided families, deprived of leaders by mass slaughter—can have no peace while systematic ravishing destroys life and land. The people of Norway—betrayed by men who as children they nurtured—can have no peace while they shiver through bitter cold nights robbed of their blankets and hungry for want of food stripped from their land.

The millions of China—wandering, starving, history's supreme sufferers—can have no peace while bombs fall like rain to wrack their bodies and

Holidays Shortened For Many Workers In Section by War

Productive Departments of N. C. Pulp Co. Will Continue Operation

The war is having its effect on the Christmas holiday period of many workers in the industrial plants and business establishments in and around Plymouth this year. Last year the period of rest from work ranged from two to five days, whereas, this season the holidays will be only one or two days.

Plymouth Box & Panel Company workers will have a two-day holiday, closing down Tuesday night, having Wednesday and Thursday off, and returning to work Friday morning at the usual time.

Employees of the local unit of the American Fork & Hoe Company will stop their work Wednesday at noon and will return to their work Friday morning at the usual hour, having a day and a half for rest and recreation.

At the North Carolina Pulp Company, E. L. Walker, general manager, issued the following statement: "In conformity with our duty, and the conditions existing in this country at war, all productive departments of the plant will operate on Christmas Day. The cooperation of every employee is needed to increase as much as possible the tonnage produced. The pulp and paper demand is greater now than all the combined mill capacities of the United States at the present time. In view of the Christmas season, refreshments will be served by the management in each department."

Employees of the courthouse here will observe the same holidays as that granted state employees. It is believed the offices will be closed properly Wednesday at noon and remain closed until Monday, giving Thursday, Friday and Saturday off. The county agent's office will close Wednesday at noon and return to work Saturday morning.

All of the local stores and business houses, with the possible exception of drug stores and filling stations, will be closed Thursday and Friday, reopening at the usual time Saturday morning. The Branch-Banking & Trust Company will be closed Thursday and Friday, but will be open for an hour between 8 and 9 Christmas Eve night for the convenience of its patrons. The two county ABC stores will be closed Thursday and Friday, reopening Saturday morning.

The family baskets will contain the following items: 3 pounds of bacon, 6 pounds of meal, 2 pounds of sugar, 2 pounds of butter beans, 2 pounds of black-eye peas, 2 pounds of lard, 12 pounds of flour, 1/2 pound of cheese, 2 pounds of dried peaches, 2 pounds of rice, 2 pounds of navy beans, 1 can dried beef, 1 pound coffee, 1 can of milk, 1 can of tomatoes, 1 box of oatmeal. Children in these families and other needy children will receive packages containing nuts, apples, oranges, candy and raisins.

Most of the requests for baskets have been received directly from those who need them, and some have been investigated by R. B. Trotman, principal of the school. Those who are to receive the baskets will be notified to call for them. So far as known now, there will be no delivery of baskets, although some who have friends on the list will probably help in seeing that the baskets get to the right persons.

Following is the list of contributors: \$40, Plymouth Merchants Association; \$25, North Carolina Pulp Company, Plymouth Box and Panel Company, and Lions Club; \$15, Senior Woman's Club, American Legion, Local Union No. 356; \$5, Junior Woman's Club, Roanoke Beacon, Eastern Star; \$2.50, Thursday Afternoon Literary Club; \$1, P. B. Bateman.

New Series of Building & Loan Stock Now on Sale

Installment stock in the 17th series of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association, dated January 1, 1942, is now being offered for sale, and preparations are underway by officers, directors and stockholders to sell as much as possible. Stock in the association makes splendid Christmas gifts, prospective purchasers are being reminded by officials.

Lions Club Hears Rev. E. B. Taylor

"Is Christmas a Holy Day or a holiday?" the Rev. Eugene B. Taylor, pastor of the Christian Church here, asked the members of the Lions Club in a speech to that group last Thursday night on "The Significance of Christmas."

The beginning of Christmas is in a manner the beginning of time because time dates to the birth of Christ, said he speaker, in pointing out that the years are reckoned on the basis of before Christ and after Christ.

Some thing that it is a period for carousal and revelry but it really should be a season of worship, because the birth of Christ has meant so much to the nations of the world, said the speaker, in pointing out that there is more to Christmas than the mere exchanging of gifts.

F. E. Nobles presented the new minister. James W. Norman presented C. J. Norman, who sang two songs, and Shep Brinkley, who accompanied Mr. Norman on the piano.

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Farmer Near Roper Loses Cow, Mule by Poisoning

W. S. Sprull, a farmer near Roper, said Saturday that he had lost a Guernsey cow, valued at \$100, and a mule, valued about the same figure, within the last few days. A veterinarian advised Mr. Sprull that the two animals had been poisoned.

The farmer said he believed the animals had possibly gotten the poison from around peanut stacks. The mule was cut open and examined in an effort to determine the kind of poison which had caused its death.

Christmas Service Held at Mackeys Last Sunday

Mackeys—A Christmas service was held at the Mackeys Methodist Church last Sunday evening. The theme was "Tidings of Great Joy." An offering amounting to \$3.54 was taken and turned over to the Red Cross.

It was announced that the church would be kept heated all day Christmas for the benefit of any who might want to worship, and that a service would be held Christmas evening at 6 o'clock.

Holiday Schedule For Mail Outlined

The post office will continue to provide a large measure of services throughout the holidays, it was announced today by Postmaster John W. Darden, although it means that employees will have but little time off for themselves.

11-Months-Old Baby Accidentally Drowns At Home Near Here

Funeral Held Sunday Afternoon for Little Shelby Jean Simpson

Shelby Jean Simpson, 11-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy A. Simpson, who reside on the farm of W. H. Gaylord, near Plymouth, was drowned in a bucket of swill in the kitchen of her home last Friday afternoon.

The mother, who was attending to her household duties, said that the child was playing around on the floor of the living room only a few minutes before she was missed. A small brother, Leroy A. Simpson, Jr., opened the kitchen door for the baby to go into the kitchen. When her mother began the search for her the little girl was found with her head in the bottom of the swill bucket, her feet sticking out over the top. The bucket was only partially filled.

Mr. Simpson stated that the child had not been out of the sight of her mother more than five minutes before her lifeless body was found.

The funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon. The Rev. J. M. Johnson, pastor of the Baptist church, conducted the last rites and burial took place in the Windley cemetery.

Surviving the child is her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy A. Simpson, and one brother, Leroy A. Simpson, Jr.

Roanoke Beacon 'Force'

Just a simple Christmas Greeting, but it conveys a heart-felt appreciation for the many kindnesses extended us during the past year. May this Christmas be your merriest and happiest one.

Beacon Office To Be Closed 4 Days

The office of the Roanoke Beacon will be closed Tuesday at noon until next Monday morning, in order to give members of the "force" their annual Christmas vacation. This is one of the few holiday occasions observed by this newspaper during the year, hence the reason for being closed several days.

Everybody will be back on the job and ready for "business as usual" next Monday morning; and, in the meantime, every member of the crew hopes every reader of the Beacon has the best, merriest and happiest Christmas ever.

By The Right Reverend HENRY HOBSON, D. D.

Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio and National Chairman of the Fight for Freedom Committee

"PEACE ON EARTH"

To many who read and hear the Christmas story this year "Peace on Earth" will be words without meaning. There is no peace on earth. There was no peace when these words were first sung by the Angels on the night that the Child of Bethlehem was born. The crowds which jammed His inn, and filled each ous in the village, until only a stable manger offered refuge for a new-born babe, were evidence of the oppressive tyranny which robbed a people out of their peace. A decree from the dictator had gone out. There has been no peace on earth since that first Christmas, for always through the years that same hand of oppression has rested heavily upon countless millions of men made by God to be free. The Angels proclaimed not a fact but a hope—a hope to be realized on earth only as all men everywhere are able to live not as slaves but as children of God. For Christ's peace is not just for the United States, or for people of white skins, or for those with education in their minds, food in their stomachs, or money in their pockets. It is for all men on earth, and he who would find peace for himself must be striving to insure it for others. Those who seek to live in a peace of isolationism, while others are in turmoil of body and soul, will never share in realizing the hope of peace on earth. God doesn't answer the prayer "Peace for me."

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Defense Bond Sales Show Big Increase

Purchases of defense bonds and stamps have nearly doubled since the United States declared war on Germany, Italy and Japan, according to reports from the Plymouth post office and the Branch Banking and Trust Company.

Postmaster John W. Darden said that during December he had sold \$5,400 worth of bonds and about \$300 in defense stamps. The purchases have greatly increased since December 7, when Japanese air and naval units began the war on this country. H. E. Beam, cashier of the local unit of the Branch Banking and Trust Company, said that he had sold \$7,000 worth of defense bonds in December, about double the amount sold in all of November.

Program of Services at Local Episcopal Church

Services will be held at Grace Episcopal church on Christmas Eve at 11:30, with the Holy Communion commemorated by the Rev. Sidney E. Matthews as celebrant. Services next Sunday will be as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m.; worship services at 11 o'clock; and Young People's Service League at 7:30 p. m.

Publicity Ban Placed on Draft Quota Information

A ban has been imposed by national selective service headquarters on the publication of quotas assigned to local draft boards units, according to Clerk S. A. Ward, who said today that neither the names nor the number of men leaving for service would be made public in the future.