

F. H. Modlin, manager of the M. H. Mitchell Furniture Company here, plans to attend the High Point furniture market next week. James W. Norman, of the Norman Furniture Company, and E. E. Harrell, of the Plymouth Furniture Company, also expect to visit the market.

Men who, by reason of age or dependents, have been exempted from military service, may be called upon to take their place with the North Carolina militia in case of invasion, riot or insurrection, if Governor J. M. Broughton deems it necessary.

"The Beacon is like an old friend," writes Mrs. N. E. Armstrong, of New York, in renewing her subscription recently. "My father was a subscriber from the beginning. W. F. Ausbon, a former editor, was a good friend of our family. I hope it will come to me every week as long as I live. It keeps me in touch with my old home county and friends who are woven into the happiest moments of my life."

Those who have waste paper to contribute during the campaign now underway for national defense are urged to notify James W. Norman, chairman of the Lions Club committee, which is cooperating with the Boy Scouts in the collection.

Rumors have been circulating here to the effect that Herbert R. Leary, of Edenton, may not oppose Herbert Bonner as Representative from the First District in the June primary. This would leave the field open to Mr. Bonner, incumbent, and Marvin K. Blount, of Greenville. However, the last official statement from Mr. Leary was that he would be a candidate for the congressional seat.

Inspector M. J. McCloud, of the Highway Safety Division, said today that 4 out of 11 persons who took the examination for driver's license failed. Regulations governing the issuance of licenses are becoming more strict. Since Mr. McCloud resumed coming here each week to examine applicants, Corporal T. B. Brown of the Highway Patrol, will not issue any more licenses.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown warns that a 1 per cent penalty will be imposed on unpaid 1941 taxes in February. Local Government Commission officials have advised town officials that it will be impossible to remit penalties to persons paying delinquent taxes in the future.

H. M. Carr, manager, and Hansel Davenport, clerk, of the A. & P. Food Store here, attended a meeting of the Eastern Carolina A. & P. Managers Association at Goldsboro last Tuesday night, when executives of the company were speakers on a program.

Arthur J. Spruill Dies at Home Near Creswell Sunday

Funeral Held Monday Afternoon for Prominent County Farmer

Funeral services were held at the home near Creswell Monday afternoon for Arthur J. Spruill, 57, who died at his home Sunday morning at 1 a. m. The Rev. L. B. Bennett conducted the last rites and interment took place in a cemetery near the home. The Phillippi Christian church choir sang three songs.

A native of Cherry in Washington County, Mr. Spruill spent his entire life in this county. He was a prominent farmer and was well known and highly regarded throughout the section.

Surviving Mr. Spruill is his widow, three sons, Robert D. and Carroll Spruill, of Creswell; Jesse Spruill, of Portsmouth, Va.; and two daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Mae Edwards and Mrs. Mae Spear, both of Portsmouth, Va. He also leaves a brother, W. E. Spruill of Norfolk, Va.; and one sister, Mrs. T. L. Sawyer, of St. Brides, Va.

The pall-bearers were Paul Sawyer, Norfolk, Va.; Thomas Sawyer, St. Brides, Va.; Phillip Spruill, Woodley Ambrose and Harry Barnes, Jr., all of Creswell; and Mayo Hardison, of Williamston.

Gum Vending Machines Yield Sizeable Amount for Blind Work by Lions Club

Gum ball vending machines placed in public places in and near Plymouth has become an important source of income for the blind fund of the Plymouth Lions Club according to a report by Secretary - Treasurer T. C. Burgess and Committeeman P. W. Brown.

During the month of December the gum ball vending machines obtained a revenue of \$76.30 with 20 per cent, or \$15.27 accruing to the Lions Club. Eighty per cent of the money goes to pay for the replacement of the gum balls and to pay for the machines, which are owned by a cooperating company.

The thirteen machines took

Town Board Names Committee Which Will Consider Buying New Fire Truck

A committee composed of G. R. Leggett, A. J. Riddle and Fire Chief Miller Warren was appointed by the Town Council in session here last Thursday night to secure bids on another fire truck to improve the fire-fighting facilities of the Town of Plymouth.

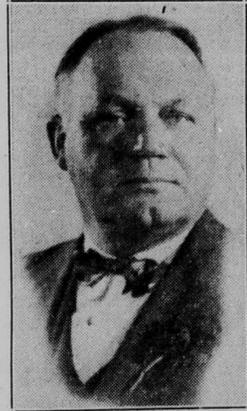
The councilmen learned that a small fire truck, with a pump engine, could be purchased for about \$3,500, and asked the men named on the special committee

to investigate the possibilities of the low-price truck. The big La France truck now in use cost the town about \$8,000.

E. F. Still told the councilmen that if they would purchase a new truck and equipment to improve local fire-fighting facilities, the Plymouth Box and Panel Company, the local plant of the American Fork and Hoe Company, and the North Carolina Pulp Company would contribute \$1,000 toward the expense.

Tobacco Growers Get 10 Per Cent Increase

HEADS CAMPAIGN



John W. Darden, local postmaster, is county chairman of the campaign to raise funds for use in the prevention and treatment of infantile paralysis.

Added Allotments To Be Mailed Out Within Two Weeks

Not Necessary To Request Additional Acreage from Local Committees

All tobacco growers in Washington County will receive official notice in about two weeks of an increase in their tobacco acreage allotment for 1942. The increase will amount to 10 per cent of the acreage allotments previously mailed to tobacco producers. County Agent W. V. Hays said this week.

Tobacco farmers will receive the 10 per cent additional acreage without having to make any requests whatever to local and county committees. No part of the increased acreage allotment is available for individual adjustments by local and county committees.

The increase will apply as follows: Farmers with one-tenth of an acre allotment will receive two-tenths of an acre; farmers with from two-tenths to 1 1/2 acres allotment will receive an additional one-tenth of an acre; farmers with allotments of from 1.6 acres to 2.5 acres will receive two-tenths of an acre allotment increase. A grower with a 5-acre allotment will receive 1/2 acre increase; and a grower with an allotment of 10 acres will receive an additional allotment of 1 acre. Growers with fractions of acres will receive 10 per cent additional over their 1942 allotments, the rule of fractions to be followed being that five-tenths or less be dropped and six-tenths or more to be carried to an additional tenth. In other words, a grower with an allotment of 3.5 acres will receive an additional three-tenths of an acre; and a grower with 3.6 acres will receive an additional four-tenths of an acre.

The county agent's office will proceed immediately to make the necessary calculations and the necessary records to be approved by the state office and mail to each individual grower throughout the county. As stated, it is contemplated that it will take approximately two weeks to perform this work and get the notices to individual growers.

The additional 10 per cent will provide Washington County growers with approximately 1,172 acres of tobacco this year. The original 1942 allotments to county farmers totaled 1,065.7.

Turn in Red Cross Work by Saturday

All those who have been working on articles of clothing and knitting for the Red Cross are urged to turn in their work by Saturday, if possible, and in no case later than Tuesday, January 20, Mrs. J. K. Reid, production chairman of the Washington County chapter, said today.

Those who have knitting are urged to take the completed garments to Mrs. Addie Brinkley and those doing sewing are requested to turn it over to Mrs. P. Bruce Bateman.

The chairman said an effort is being made to make a shipment of clothes to Red Cross headquarters next week.

Mrs. Reid said that the recent cooperation and response of the workers had been splendid and that as chairman she appreciated very much the efforts of these women in making garments for the Red Cross. She urged the workers to continue their efforts, as material for the new quota is expected soon and that much of the next quota will be articles for home defense.

Will Attend Meeting of State Board in Raleigh

W. R. Hampton will go to Raleigh next week for the regular meeting of the State Board of Conservation and Development, of which he is a member, on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 20 and 21. Mr. Hampton advises that anyone who has business with the board will be heard at this time.

Three Persons Get Permits for Tires From Board Here

Two Physicians Are Allotted Three Auto Tires; Meet Next Week

Considering their first applications for automobile and truck tires and tubes under the recently instituted rationing system, the Washington County Tire Rationing Board met Wednesday in the first of its scheduled weekly meetings.

Dr. J. M. Phelps, Creswell physician, was given permission to purchase two tires, and Dr. C. McGowan, Plymouth physician, was given a certificate to purchase one tire. Reports from inspectors indicated the tires were needed by the physicians. Dr. Phelps had an application in for 3 of the 7 tires and 6 tubes allotted to the county for January. The board cannot allocate more than 25 per cent of the total county quota in any one week.

J. E. Davenport, county tax collector, was given a certificate for the purchase of one truck tire. The county quota for January is 16 tires and 13 tubes for trucks and buses.

W. L. Whitley, chairman of the board, said that another meeting would be held next Wednesday.

The doctors, as practicing physicians, claimed their classification was above that of others and that they were entitled to the tires they applied for. The board informed Dr. Phelps if he would probably be unable to grant him a certificate for the purchase of more than four tires, and that he would likely have to wait awhile for the two tires needed on one of his two cars. Dr. Phelps applied for the six tires on the grounds that his wife was a registered nurse and also needed an automobile in her work.

Seek Total \$165 for Infantile Paralysis Fund in This County

Dance To Be Held at Local Club 31st; Schools Also To Take Part

An intensive campaign will be put on in Washington County for contributions to the fund for fighting infantile paralysis, according to John V. Darden, county chairman, who has appointed campaign managers in the various communities. The quota for the entire county is \$165.

School children in both the white and colored schools are canvassing for contributions through the "March of Dimes" program, under the leadership of H. H. McLean, county superintendent of public instruction, who has asked the teachers to help him in the campaign.

A subscription dance will be held at the Country Club of Plymouth on Saturday night, January 31, starting about 9 p. m., the proceeds of which will go to the fund. A Lloyd Owens, chairman of the club's entertainment committee, is in charge of arrangements for the dance.

Mr. Darden said that the following would be in charge of the adult campaign in their respective communities: Mrs. E. S. Woodley and Mrs. W. B. Gaither, Creswell; and Mrs. Isa Johnston, Roper. They will handle the solicitation for funds in any manner they deem wise, and may or may not stage dances as part of the President's Birthday Ball program.

It was said by the county chairman that one-half of the county quota, or \$82.50, had been assigned to Plymouth; with one-fourth the quota, or \$41.25 each, being assigned to Roper and Creswell.

A percentage of the amount raised in each community will be retained in that community for infantile paralysis work, the remainder going to the national organization for use in aiding children suffering from the disease, for the training of nurses, and for research work in connection with the malady.

22 New Members Of Club Secured

Since a locally formed stock company took over operation of the Country Club of Plymouth January 1, an intensive campaign for new members has been in progress in Plymouth. J. R. Manning, chairman of the membership committee, stating today that 22 new ones had been secured here so far. This does not take into account any new membership applications received in Williamston, Washington, and other near-by towns, where the campaign is also in progress. It is hoped that at least 75 additional members will be secured for the club.

Persons who apply for membership during January are not being charged the usual \$10 initiation fee. In addition to the full membership, which includes golf privileges, a number of house members are being signed up. The house membership costs only \$4.16 per quarter.

Ausbon Resigns as Clerk of Superior Court, Due to Illness

Burning Permits Must Be Secured for Burning Off Land After February 1st

Brush-burning permits must be obtained before fire may be lawfully started in woodland areas protected by the State Forest Service in Washington County, in the period between February 1 and June 15, Stuart F. Darden, county forest warden, warned today.

The permits do not cost a single penny, Mr. Darden said, but those who fail to secure them and are convicted of violating this law are subject to a fine of \$50 or imprisonment for a period of not more than 30 days.

The law specifically provides that no person shall fire or ignite any material in woodland areas under the protection of the State Forest Service between the dates mentioned, unless a permit is first obtained from the forest warden or his deputies.

Mr. Darden said today that there were deputy wardens in practically every community in the county and those who wish permits may apply to them at any time.

Assets of Building & Loan Double in Year

1941 Was One of Best Years in History of Local Organization

Total Assets Rose From \$47,228 To \$85,510 During Past 12 Months

Assets of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association practically doubled during the past year, the total on December 31, 1941, standing at \$85,510.93, making the fourth complete year of operation of the organization one of the best in its history, according to a statement of conditions prepared by Secretary and Treasurer M. W. Spruill for submission to the State Insurance Commissioner.

These annual reports are required by law to be made at the end of the calendar year to the Insurance Commission of the State and to the Federal Home Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, officials of which organization have charge of supervising the building and loan associations. A comparison of the reports for the local association for the past four years shows that on December 31, 1938, when the organization had been functioning only about 14 months, total assets were \$11,461.70; on December 31, 1939, the assets had grown to \$22,805.29; on December 31, 1940, the assets had grown to \$47,228.63; while during the past year he assets nearly doubled again, standing at \$85,510.93, on December 31, 1941.

Another striking feature of the report is growth of undivided profits, representing earnings which will be applied to installment stock at its maturity. On December 31, 1938, undivided profits totalled \$149.70; on December 31, 1939, this had grown to \$852.27; on December 31, 1940, the undivided profits had reached \$1,180.17; and at the close of business on December 31, 1941, the total was \$4,161.58.

Officers of the association are especially proud of the mortgage loans made by the association in its four years of operation, the total outstanding amounting to \$66,535.00 on December 31, 1941. These loans and the interest are being paid off in weekly installments by the borrowers, while the loans are secured by first mortgages on local improved real estate, and in no case does the amount of the loan exceed 70 per cent of the appraised value of the property.

Loans made by the association have made it possible for a number of people to build or buy their own homes, while others have made extensive repairs to their old houses through financial assistance rendered by the organization.

A total of \$49,011.11 has been paid to the association on installment stock and \$25,900 on full-paid stock. Interest is paid on the full paid stock at the rate of 4 per cent, while the installment shares are expected to earn in excess of 5 per cent.

Tax Listing Very Slow in County

E. F. Swain, county tax supervisor, said this week that listing of personal and property taxes was proceeding at a very slow pace throughout the county. The books have been open for 15 days—half the listing period—but only a small fraction of the total number of taxpayers have listed.

The supervisor urges those who have been putting off listing to see their list takers at once, so as to eliminate as much of the last-minute rush as possible. Mr. Swain did not have a report as to how many had listed in each township; he only said that the returns were very slow in being made.

RESIGNS AS CLERK

C. V. W. Ausbon, clerk of the Washington County Superior Court for 35 years, yesterday resigned, due to the state of his health. His term of office has until December to run, and a successor for the unexpired term will be appointed by the resident judge of the district, Walter J. Bone, of Nashville.

Mr. Ausbon is believed to be the oldest superior court clerk in the state in point of service. He made his resignation effective on March 1 in order to give himself time to recover from his present illness and get the affairs of his office in shape for his successor to take over.

Mr. Ausbon was born in Washington County and has been a resident here all of his life. Now 79 years of age, he became clerk of the superior court here on December 1, 1906. Since that time he has been reelected every four years, usually piling up a large majority over his opponents, although he seldom canvassed for votes during the campaigns. For years he and his brother, the late W. Fletcher Ausbon, owned and published the Roanoke Beacon.

Mr. Ausbon, in his sick bed at home this morning, stated that he "hated to give up the job as clerk of court, because I need the earnings of the office," but he said that upon the advice of his physician, who is concerned about the state of the clerk's health, he would be better to resign.

Mr. Ausbon said that during his 35 years in the office he had never failed to have his records ready for a term of court, until the January term this month, when his health prevented him from carrying out the clerk's duties.

The appointment of Mr. Ausbon's successor is in the hands of the resident judge, Walter J. Bone, of Nashville. Mr. Darden, who was recommended for the post by the bar association, is said to be well trained in law, which should especially qualify him for the post. He is the present representative from the county in the lower house of the North Carolina General Assembly. While he was in the house at the 1941 session of the legislature an act was passed which places the office of clerk of the court on a flat salary of \$1,500 a year. The salary is to become effective on the first Monday in December, 1942, when a new term begins for the clerk of court. The appointment made by Judge Bone will be for Mr. Ausbon's unexpired term, which has until December to run. The office will be at stake in the primaries and election this year.

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Blackout Here Last Friday Is Called Off; To Try Again Later

Must Get Permission From Army Authorities Before Test Can Be Made

Everything was in readiness for Plymouth's first test blackout last Friday night when information was received that Civilian Defense Headquarters must first give their permission for such tests, and Chief Air Raid Warden P. W. Brown called the whole thing off.

When the information reached Chief Brown, he immediately called Theodore S. Johnson, state chairman of civilian defense at Raleigh, and asked permission to hold the test blackout, but Mr. Johnson said that such permission could only be secured from headquarters of the First Interceptor Command at Norfolk, Va., and that it was too late to make the request then, as 24 hours' notice is required.

Mr. Brown has since made formal application to stage a test blackout, and is awaiting a reply from Mr. Johnson setting the date. The local organization will remain intact, and plans for the official test blackout, when it is approved, will be about the same as those made for last Friday night.

It is understood that a blackout may be arranged for the entire area in the near future, and the air-raid wardens here are awaiting word from headquarters of the First Interceptor Command.

Warn Car Owners To Get Town Tags

Chief of Police P. W. Brown said today that he had been instructed by the town council to "crack down" on owners of cars who live in the city limits of Plymouth who have not bought their 1942 Town of Plymouth license tags.

So far, local authorities have been very lenient with the delinquents, but they believe that everyone has had ample time to secure plates and arrests are likely to follow.

Over 400 plates have been sold so far, but it was said today that about 100 owners still have not bought their plates. The cost is \$1 each, and they may be obtained at Clerk M. W. Spruill's office.

Wilbur M. Darden Endorsed for Place By Bar Association

Judge Walter J. Bone Will Make Appointment for Unexpired Term

After 35 years as clerk of the Washington County Superior Court, C. V. W. Ausbon Wednesday morning submitted his resignation to Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, resident judge of this district, it was learned this morning. The Washington County Bar Association, in a called meeting the same day unanimously recommended Representative Wilbur M. Darden to succeed the veteran court clerk.

Mr. Ausbon's resignation is to become effective March 1. Ill health was assigned by the clerk as the reason for his action. He was unable to attend the January term of civil and criminal court last week and this week on account of the state of his health.

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Program of Services at Local Episcopal Church

Services will be held at Grace Episcopal church Sunday as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m.; morning worship at 11 a. m.; and Young Peoples Service League at 7:30 p. m.

DON'T TAKE THIS LYING DOWN . . .

When men are fighting and dying, you must do your part. Be sure you enlist your DOLLARS FOR DEFENSE. Back our armed forces—and protect your own life—with every single dollar and dime you can. America must have a steady flow of money pouring in every day to help beat back our enemies. Put Dimes into Defense Stamps. And put Dollars into Bonds. Buy now. Buy every pay day. Buy as often as you can. Don't take this lying down.