

W. H. Clark found an uncashed check made out to Lyman K. Pinkham, route 2, Washington, by the Washington Production Credit Association...

W. A. Capehart, of Windsor, has become connected with the Manning Motor Company here as parts manager, succeeding J. B. Willoughby...

William Arthur (Billy) Davidson, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davidson, sr., of Plymouth, is one of the four additional fledglings in the Navy's rapidly growing air force...

Mrs. Lula Jackson, librarian at the Washington County Public Library on the second floor of the courthouse said that three new books had been added to the pay shelf at the library...

Allen's Store here started using young lady clerks when Miss Bernice Case entered employ of the grocery. H. H. Allen owns the business. Other clerks include Fletcher Harris and Herman Owens...

Dr. S. V. Lewis, district health officer, sustained a broken bone in an ankle last week when he slipped from the steps at his home on Main Street with a bucket of ashes in his hand...

The increased number of bicycles in this county is causing concern among officers, who urge the boys and girls to be careful while riding. P. W. Brown, chief of police, and Corp. T. B. Brown, of the State Highway Patrol, urge all bicycle riders to be careful to avoid accidents.

W. H. Gurkin and others have been talking of the scarcity of farm labor in the county. Many young men from the farms have been called into the military service for their country and others have gone to the factories where the wages are higher.

James C. Stewart, retired president of James Stewart and Co., engineers and contractors, died at his New York home recently at the age of 81. This company built the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company here. He was regarded as one of the greatest construction engineers of modern times.

Local Legionnaires Meet Friday Night

A large attendance at the meeting of the James E. Jethro post of the American Legion Friday night at 7:30 is urged by officials, according to Adjutant James E. Westray...

The adjutant said the local post now has 76 paid-up members, which is 12 above the 64 who paid dues last year in this county. The community service report of the legion post shows the following contributions: Red Cross, \$5; Boy Scouts, \$25; Christmas Joy Fund, \$25; child welfare, one boy in sanatorium, \$206; Americanism, \$5; and other contributions, \$25.

Program of Services at Local Methodist Church

Rev. O. L. HARDWICK, Pastor The Rev. O. L. Hardwick, pastor of the local Methodist church, will preach Sunday morning on the topic "Four Hundred To One," and again in the evening at 7:30 on "The Christian's Freedom."

Church school is at 9:45 and Epworth League at 6:30. The public is invited to worship with us at all times.

Rocky Mount Firm Given Contract for New Roof on Plymouth White School

Waters Brothers, contracting firm of Rocky Mount, was awarded the contract for reroofing the white high school building in Plymouth at a special meeting of the Washington County Board of Education in the courthouse here Wednesday morning. The contract price was \$1,430.

Several other firms bid on the reroofing project, but the Rocky Mount firm was lowest. The bids ranged upward to \$1,598. The Waters Brothers firm indicated it had the material and men available and that work would begin immediately.

The contractor will remove the present roof and will roof, flash

Plymouth Post Office Begins Sale of Stamps as Use Tax for Motor Vehicles

Collection of the Federal use tax on motor vehicles began here this week, when about 100 motor car owners purchased stamps showing that they had paid the tax on their automobiles for the next five months...

The stamps, expiring on June 30, 1942, cost every motor vehicle owner the same price, \$2.09. Small and large automobiles and trucks all cost the same price. The law requires the stamps to be purchased by February 1, otherwise the motor vehicle owner is subject to penalties.

As the stamp is an evidence of the payment of the motor ve-

hicle use tax, they must be affixed to the instrument panel, windshield or other conspicuous place on the vehicle.

When the stamp is purchased, the motor vehicle owner is provided with a blank card for the date value of the stamp, make of vehicle, body type and year and engine number, so that he can notify the collector of Internal Revenue at Greensboro and eliminate the possibility of being recorded as a delinquent in the payment of this tax.

The next payment of the Federal tax on use of motor vehicles becomes due July 1, 1942, at the rate of \$5 for the full fiscal year.

The stamp is transferrable with the vehicle.

Estimated 960 Men to Register February 16

Judge Holds Up Appointing Clerk

Representative W. M. Darden said today he did not know what steps he would take if resident Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, tendered him the appointment as clerk of the Washington County Superior Court to succeed C. V. W. Aushon, who has resigned, effective March 1, on account of bad health.

Mr. Darden said he was out of town the day the bar association met and unanimously endorsed him for the clerkship. He said he would have no statement to make until he was offered the place. So far as can be learned, there is no other candidate for the place.

The appointment to complete Mr. Aushon's unexpired term will have only until the first Monday in December to run.

Hope To Raise \$165 Infantile Paralysis Quota This Month

Chairman for County Says Campaign Is Off To Good Start

Hopes were entertained here this week that the \$165 quota for Washington County could be raised between now and January 30, when the celebration of the president's diamond jubilee birthday takes place with the money raised going to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, according to John W. Darden, county chairman.

Children in both 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 raising of the fund.

A subscription dance will be given 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 Country Club's entertainment committee, is in charge of arrangements for the dance, and music will be furnished by Henry Williams and his orchestra.

Mrs. J. M. Phelps, instead of Mrs. B. W. Gaither, will be associated with Mrs. E. S. Phelps in handling the campaign at Creswell to raise \$41.50; Mrs. Isa Johnston will be in charge of the campaign for \$41.50 in Roper; while Mr. Darden said that \$82.50 was to be raised in Plymouth.

A percentage of the amount raised in each community will be retained in the county for local infantile paralysis work, the remainder going to the national organization

Expect Three Calls To Make 2,628 Men Subject To Service

County-Wide Registration Plans Being Made by Local Board

It was estimated today that there would be 960 young men in Washington County to register in the third registration ordered under the amended selective service act on Monday, February 16, of all men who attained their twentieth birthday on or before December 31, 1941, and who have not attained their forty-fifth birthday on February 16, 1942, and who have not registered heretofore.

Clerk S. A. Ward of the selective service board said that the estimate of 960 men was made on the basis of the general rule that the third registration would be 60 per cent of the registration of the county in the first registration October 16, 1940. This general rule is being followed by the national headquarters of the Selective Service Act.

Those between the ages mentioned are required to register on Monday, February 16 between 8 a. m. and 9:30 p. m. These hours make it possible for persons at work to register without losing time or money.

At the first registration on October 16, 1940, there were 1,600 young men registered; while in the second registration, held on July 1, 1941, there were 67 registered. If 960 persons register in the third registration on February 16, a total of 2,628 persons in this county will be registered with the selective service board. The county now has about 250 men in the various military services.

Some believe that the estimate of 960 to be registered in the third registration is too high. But the Selective Service organization figures the number will be about 60 per cent of the first registration.

Mrs. Della Frances Chesson Dies After Illness of Few Days

Highly Respected Woman Of Pleasant Grove Section Died Sunday

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Roper for Mrs. Della Frances Chesson, 38, who died Sunday morning in a Washington hospital after a week's illness with pneumonia. The Rev. Sidney E. Matthews, of Washington, rector of the church, officiated. Interment took place in the Windley cemetery near Plymouth.

Born in Washington County, May 13, 1903, she had resided in this county all her life. Her parents were the late Wilson and Ida Hodges. She was married to Dennis W. Chesson, well known farmer of the Pleasant Grove neighborhood, on December 20, 1928. She was a member of the St. Luke's Episcopal Church and was active in the Woman's Auxillary. She also found much time to devote to the Methodist Church, of which her husband is a member, being teacher of the junior class, secretary of the Sunday School and member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Chesson was well known and held in high esteem in her community.

Surviving is her husband, Dennis W. Chesson, prominent farmer of Roper, RFD, and two children: Murlin, age 3, and Marion, age 5. She is also survived by two sisters: Mrs. Minnie Davenport, of Columbia; and Miss Christine Hodges, of Roper; one half-sister, Mrs. Mary Warren Holland, of Baltimore, Md.; and two brothers: Adrian and Bunt Hodges, both of Baltimore, Md.

Final Approval for Addition to School Here Given by WPA

Work May Be Held Up by Shortage of WPA Labor In This County

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 an addition and alterations to the white high school in Plymouth, with WPA allotment of \$13,987.

The contemplated improvements at the local white school call for an expenditure of \$32,137 with the WPA bearing about 42 per cent of the cost of the project and Washington County, as the sponsor of the undertaking, paying \$18,150.

Improvements to the present high school building include the installation of a complete new heating plant, placing a new roof on the building and the addition of four rooms above the ground floor, two of which will be 50 feet long.

The reason the county as sponsor is required to pay such a large portion of the expense in because skilled labor will be used to put on the new roof and to install the new heating plant. The WPA bases its contributions to projects on the man-hours of unskilled labor, and it pays no part of skilled labor work.

The work includes performing carpentry, masonry, roofing, iron and steel work, plastering removing furnace and heating ducts, and performing appurtenant and incidental work including grading and landscaping the grounds.

It is not known when work will be started on the project, due to the scarcity of WPA labor in the county, as well as to the difficulty usually encountered by the county in obtaining materials that must be used in the project.

The county is understood to be ready to secure its share of the money when arrangements are made to start construction. The war is making it difficult to secure materials which are subject to priorities.

Tire Board Issues Seven Permits at Meet Wednesday

All Were for Truck Tires And Tubes; Half Quota Now Exhausted

Permits for the purchase of seven truck tires and tubes were issued by the Washington County rationing board in session here Wednesday afternoon, according to W. L. Whitely, chairman, who said that with only one week to go the board still had some of the January quota to ration out at its meeting next Wednesday afternoon.

McCallum and Winslow, Plymouth Texaco dealers, were granted permits to buy four truck tires and four truck tubes under the classification of a fuel truck. It was pointed out that under classification (E), owners of vehicles used for transportation by ice and fuel could lawfully be permitted to buy new tires.

Edward Patrick, of Creswell, was given permission to purchase two truck tires and two truck tubes. He claimed his truck was also used for the transportation of fuel, but hauled wood instead of oil.

P. H. Darden was given a certificate to purchase one tire and one tube for a farm truck. He said his truck hauled farm products but did not transport commodities to the ultimate consumers for personal, family or household uses.

The January quota is 7 tires and 6 tubes for passenger cars and 16 tires and 13 tubes for trucks and buses. At the meeting last week, certificates were given Dr. J. M. Phelps for the purchase of two tires and two tubes; Dr. C. McGowan for one tire and one tube; and J. E. Davenport for one truck tire. There are still 8 casings and 5 tubes for trucks on the January quota.

Daylight Saving Time for Nation

At 2 a. m. on the morning of Monday, February 9, all time in the United States will be advanced one hour, when daylight saving time becomes effective under the terms of an act passed by Congress and signed by President Roosevelt Tuesday. All industry, including railroads, mail schedules, and radio programs, and every state will be affected by the new time.

The plan will be nationwide in scope, eliminating much of the confusion experienced last summer, when only certain parts of the country observed daylight saving time. It will be continued throughout summer and winter, ending six months after the close of the war, under the terms of the act.

Possible Development of New Industry in Section Proposed

KEY FIGURES IN PROPOSED NEW INDUSTRY



Former Senator Carl L. Bailey, left, and W. H. Hampton are key figures in the possible development of ilmenite ore deposits in Albemarle Sound by the Dupont Company.



Mr. Bailey was largely instrumental in securing the interest of the company, while Mr. Hampton heads a Department of Conservation and Development committee which will draw up a contract for the state permitting further experiments by the firm.

Dupont To Attempt Extracting Mineral From Sand in Sound

Agreement Reached With State Officials to Extend Experimentation

Carl L. Bailey's persistence in promoting an idea, despite a number of disheartening rebuffs yesterday came a great deal closer to fulfillment when the State Board of Conservation and Development approved in principle a proposal that may result in developing the "black sands" of Albemarle Sound into a million-dollar industry for this immediate section.

Representatives of the Dupont company, which uses large quantities of ilmenite, the ore of titanium, formerly imported from India, told the board that the black sand may yield ilmenite in sufficient quantity to justify large-scale development. It was the persistence of Mr. Bailey which had a large measure to do with the firm's preliminary experiments, since after cursory examination of the possibilities Dupont engineers said they were not interested in carrying their tests any further. The local attorney carried a number of samples of the sand to the company's Wilmington, Del., plant early in December, and finally prevailed on them to send a geologist here to go further into the matter.

Mr. Bailey became interested in the sand some years ago, and finally learned that it contained traces of ilmenite in 1936. At that time he contacted all known users of the ore, but received little encouragement as to possibilities of commercial exploitation of the deposits. Early in 1937 he succeeded in getting a mining engineer to go over the prospects here. The engineer's company was not interested since the percentage of the mineral present was so low as to make its recovery impracticable at that time.

Imports Cut (1) By War However, due to the war, imports of ilmenite from India have been cut off, and its users are now faced with the immediate necessity of securing new sources of supply. The Dupont company has conducted investigations throughout the length and breadth of the land in search of a new supply, and it is said they are now more favorably impressed with prospects in the Albemarle area. Their search has carried them all along the Atlantic coast, around the Gulf of Mexico, and up the Pacific coast.

At the hearing before the Board of Conservation of Development in Raleigh yesterday, the company was represented by Mr. Bailey; Henry E. Ford, head of the development department; and Harry Miller, of the Dupont legal staff. W. R. Hampton, of Plymouth, is a member of the board and heads a committee appointed to draw a proposal to permit the Duponts to begin experiments which may lead to development of the deposits in the sound.

It is emphasized that the work now contemplated is only experimental in nature; and the methods to be used in recovering ilmenite must be worked out in their entirety, since the process which will be used has never been attempted before anywhere in the world. However, the Dupont company is faced with the problem of finding new deposits somewhere in the immediate future, since they are now using their reserve stocks, and it was said that September of this year was the deadline for securing new supplies. This will undoubtedly result in the experimental work in this section being rushed as rapidly as possible.

This Side of Sound Favored Plans now in progress include the gathering of larger quantities of samples to be taken to the laboratories for more extensive tests. If these are successful, a "pilot plant" (See NEW INDUSTRY, page 4)

FSA Clients Prepared To Do Bit in Defense

Farm Plan Stresses Added Production Goals During Year

"Food for Freedom" Units Increased at Scuppernon Farms

Every resident on the Scuppernon Farms Project will do his bit in the "Food for Victory" campaign by writing into his 1942 farm plans additional production goals in keeping with the capacity of his farm and the needs of the hour, according to W. D. Moore, jr., manager of the project, who has just returned from a regional conference in Raleigh.

"In line with the Farm Security Administration's 'live-at-home' program for all borrowers, on individual farms as well as projects, the production of food and feed for home use has been a first requirement all along of all facilities at Scuppernon Farms," Mr. Moore pointed out.

"This year every family is asked to make definite increases over and above subsistence need to help furnish supplies of food products, fats and oils for market."

"FSA credit is available, where needed, to finance their stepped-up food program," Mr. Moore said.

In addition to minimum production required in the past for subsistence needs, each homesteader with sufficient available land and pasture is asked to increase his production by at least two "Food for Freedom" units.

Each of the following items will (See FSA CLIENTS, page 4)

Tax Listing Still Lags in County

Tax listing in Washington County speeded up a little this week, but only about 40 per cent of the poll, personal and real property have been listed so far, according to E. F. Swain, county tax supervisor.

Mr. Swain warns that those who fail to list during the few days remaining in January will be subject to penalties for their delinquency, and he urges all who possibly can to list their holdings immediately so as to avoid the rush which is expected to develop during the last few days.

So far about 750 of the 2,100 taxpayers in Plymouth Township have listed. The supervisor said the ratio of about 40 per cent who have listed in this township holds good for the remainder of the county.

Funeral Rites for Mrs. Jodie King

Funeral services were held at the home near Creswell Thursday afternoon for Mrs. Jodie King, 50, who died Wednesday morning at her home as the result of a stroke of paralysis. The Rev. R. N. Pitts officiated. Interment took place in the family cemetery near Cherry.

Mrs. King was born in Tyrrell County, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woodley. She was married twice, first to the late J. F. Phelps, who died 17 years ago, and then she was married to N. J. King about 13 years ago.

Mrs. King was a member for many years of the Woodley Chapel Methodist church and was highly regarded by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, N. J. King; two daughters, Miss Elizabeth Phelps, of Norfolk; Mrs. Monroe Chesson, of Roper; an adopted daughter, Miss Mary King Phelps; and two sons, McCoy Phelps and Richard Phelps, of Creswell. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. J. E. Haire and Mrs. Ralph Sexton, of Creswell; and a brother, C. H. Woodley, of Plymouth.

Funeral Rites Held Wednesday for Mrs. Lillie L. Everett, 79

Well-Known Washington County Woman Dies in Norfolk Hospital

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Lillie L. Everett, 79, who died in a Norfolk hospital Tuesday as the result of a cerebral hemorrhage. Interment was made in the Rehoboth Methodist Church cemetery. The Rev. R. N. Pitts officiated.

Mrs. Everett had been in declining health for several years. She made her home in the Skimmersville section of the county with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Everett, until last November, when she was taken to the Norfolk hospital. Born in Washington County September 10, 1862, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas White. In 1878 she was married to the late William Thomas Everett. They lived for several years in Belhaven and Norfolk.

Mrs. Everett was well known and well liked by all who knew her, and she was descended from one of the most prominent families in the section.

Surviving are five sons: Percy Everett, of Belhaven; Oscar, and Bill Everett, of Norfolk; Clinton and Vernon Everett, of the Skimmersville section; two daughters: Mrs. William Quigley, of Philadelphia; and Mrs. William Snellings, of California. She also leaves one brother, C. V. White, of Skimmersville, who will be 87 years of age in March.

Board Education Advised Not To Sign Contract for Hauling Colored Children

County Attorney W. L. Whitely has advised the Washington County Board of Education that it would be illegal for that body to enter into a contract with the Weston Mutual Association for hauling colored children from the FSA Scuppernon Farms project to school at Cherry. State School Commission and Weston Mutual officials had presented a contract for transporting the children to the county board for its signature, but Mr. Whitely declared the county board had no authority to enter into such a contract. The county attorney also stated that the shortage of tires and heavy taxes in prospect, coupled with financial difficulties faced by the county, called for curtailing expenses rather than increasing them. He said that any funds available should be spent on the school buildings rather than for new trucks, and he predicted that unless the rubber situation improved, existing transportation facilities would be handicapped. The board of education will make some disposition of the matter at its February meeting. The Weston farms group wants the State School Commission to pay 80 per cent of the transportation costs and the local board 20 per cent, the local board to be reimbursed by the Weston Association. By the terms of the contract, 17 colored children were to be transported to and from the Cherry school daily in a Weston Association truck, a distance of seven miles.