

The party planned by the Young Matrons' Circle of the Christian church Friday night has been postponed on account of the womanless wedding, sponsored by the junior woman's club, at the Plymouth Theatre at the same time. The party will be given at a later date.

Lugene Watson, third-class gunner's mate on a Navy destroyer on duty in the Atlantic, was home on a furlough to visit his parents in Mackeys this week. He could give no information as to what part his ship was doing in the war, but stated that not all of his trips had been "quiet."

The Women's Society for Christian Service of the Methodist church will sponsor a cooking school here Tuesday and Wednesday, February 24 and 25. Mrs. B. G. Campbell is in charge of arrangements. This will be the third annual cooking school sponsored by the Methodist society.

Sergeant Charles McCrone, husband of the former Miss Mildred Norman, daughter of Mrs. Griffin Norman, is now in the Pacific area with the Marine Corps. He is a technical sergeant in the aviation department and has been in the Marines for 14 years.

W. S. Moore said this week that he had been asked to take the lead in organizing a unit of the State College Alumni Association in Washington County and he urges former students of the institution to contact him. He estimates there are about 40 former students and graduates of State College in the county.

Part of the money pledged by employees of the North Carolina Pulp Company for the war aid fund of the American Red Cross has been turned in, and the committee would like to receive the balance as early as possible. It should be turned over to J. Corbett Swain.

W. J. Barker, assistant extension forester, is in the county today conducting timber-thinning demonstrations and marking trees for farmers who wish to cut timber for building purposes. He has been working in Martin and Tyrrell Counties.

Sheriff J. K. Reid has sent a retaking warrant to the Virginia State Penitentiary at Richmond for the return here of Ernest Boney and John Spikes, colored, after they have served terms of 50 years and life, respectively, for killing a Greek restaurant owner in Norfolk. The two are wanted in this county for the robbery of John James and attempted robbery of Bateman's service station in November.

Tax Stamps Must Be On All Cars, Trucks By Saturday Night

Close To 400 Stamps Have Been Sold at Post Office Here To Date

Close to 400 stamps, representing about \$836 in revenue, have been sold at the local post office this week, as collection of the Federal use tax on automobiles and trucks continues, according to Postmaster John W. Darden. The stamps are on sale at all post offices, and are required to be on all cars by February 1; otherwise the owners are subject to penalties.

The stamps, which expire June 30, 1942, cost every motor vehicle owner the same price, \$2.09, whether for large or small automobiles and trucks. As the stamp is evidence of the payment of the use tax, it must be affixed to the instrument panel, windshield, or other conspicuous part of the car or truck.

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

The next payment of the Federal use tax becomes due July 1, 1942. At that time a stamp will be issued for the full fiscal year, and it will cost the owner \$5 for each motor vehicle operated.

Daylight Saving Time May Result in Hardships for Rural School Children

County school authorities are considering the possibility of changing the time schedules of all schools in the county when daylight saving time becomes effective February 9, so that rural children will not be forced to leave home at daybreak or before in order to reach school an hour earlier, as required by daylight time. By congressional enactment, daylight saving time becomes effective throughout the nation at 2 a. m., Monday, February 9.

H. H. McLean, county superintendent of schools, said that advancing the clocks one hour will not greatly inconvenience children who live near schools they attend, but that in some

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Complete Plans for Third Registration On February 16th

Announce Places, Hours and Personnel To Handle Registration

Plans are announced complete in the county for the 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 reached their forty-fifth birthday on February 16, 1942, and who have not registered heretofore.

Clerk S. A. Ward said that the young men would be registered at the following places: selective service board's headquarters in Mr. Ward's office at Plymouth, E. S. Blount, chairman of the board, in charge; Roper, high school auditorium, Mrs. Eva Harrell in charge; and Creswell, high school auditorium, with Clyde Smithson, a member of the county selective service board, in charge.

Those between the ages mentioned are required to register at the most convenient place between the hours of 8 a. m. and 9:30 p. m., on Monday, February 16. It was said that these hours would make it possible for everyone affected to register without losing time or money.

It is estimated that there will be about 960 persons in the county to register on the 16th. This is based on calculations made by the national headquarters of the selective service organization, which estimated that about 60 per cent of the number registered on October 16, 1940, the first registration, will be affected this time. About 1,600 were registered in the county in the first registration, while only 67 persons were registered in the second registration last July 1.

Mr. Ward said that while the persons above named are in charge of the registration at the respective places designated, there would be many others in the three communities who would assist in the work, contributing their service without charge.

Application form 732 may be obtained from the collector on request.

Program of Services for Local Episcopal Church

Services at Grace Episcopal church Sunday will be as follows:

Church school at 10 a. m.; Morning Prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.; Evening Prayer, 7:30 p. m. The Young People's Service League will meet immediately after the evening service.

Five Colored People Hurt in Auto Wreck On No. 64 Last Night

None Seriously Hurt; Three Cars and Trailer Are Damaged

Five persons were injured and three cars and a trailer were damaged as the result of a traffic accident on Highway 64 near the "Little Richwood" village last night.

A trailer attached to a car operated by C. A. Hough, of near Dardens, was struck by a car driven by Wiley R. Payton, Williamston taxi driver, whose car was struck in turn by an automobile driven by James Bias, colored school teacher of this county.

Payton received a cut on the forehead and back of the head. Although in the community hospital at Williamson this morning, he was not thought to be seriously injured. Bias was bruised about the forehead, while his wife, Montrose Bias, was injured about the breast, although neither was believed seriously hurt. Roy Freeman and Capitol Freeman, other occupants of the Bias car, received minor cuts and bruises. Mr. Hough was not injured.

Payton's car was almost totally demolished, the others bring the aggregate damage to an estimated \$1,500. Corporal T. B. Brown, of the State Highway Patrol, investigated the wreck.

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Attorney Advises County Officials To Go After \$100,000 in Delinquent Taxes

The Washington County Commissioners have been advised by County Attorney W. L. Whitley to secure the services of a full-time employee to collect an estimated \$100,000 in back taxes due the county, the matter having been permitted to drift along for a period of years.

The county attorney said that taxes owed by some persons on both real estate and personal property dated back to 1934, and possibly further, and that it was hardly fair to those who did pay their taxes to permit those delinquent to escape carrying their part of the tax burden.

Mr. Whitley said that it would probably be an expensive matter to get someone to do the work and that it would likely require at least a year to foreclose

the existing tax liens on real property, thus wiping the slate clean of unpaid back taxes, but he said, it would be well worth the expense to the county, even if the cost ranged up to one-fourth of the amount collected.

The attorney estimated that the county held tax liens aggregating some \$100,000 against property for taxes accumulated on the books over the past eight years or more.

It was also pointed out that since Federal taxes are increasing yearly, due to the war, steps should be taken now to liquidate the delinquent accounts while taxpayers are in better financial condition to pay local taxes than they are likely to be again in many years.

February Tire Quota For County Smaller

Boats Must Have Use Tax Stamps

Owners of boats are reminded that the Federal use tax imposed on all boats becomes effective February 1st, and stamps signifying the tax has been paid may be obtained from C. H. Robertson, collector of internal revenue at Greensboro.

The amount of the tax varies according to the overall length of boats, propelled by machinery, sail, or both, beginning with \$5 for boats 16 feet in overall length and ranging up to a maximum of \$200 for boats over 200 feet in length. The tax is to be paid when the boat is first used.

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President's Ball at Club Saturday To Close County Drive

Hope To Raise County's Allotment of \$165 During Remainder Week

Although no reports of progress have been made as yet, workers are continuing their campaign to raise \$165 as the county quota for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, according to John W. Darden, county chairman.

Climaxing the drive for contributions, a subscription dance will be staged at the Country Club of Plymouth Saturday night from 9:30 to 1:30. Henry Williams and his orchestra will provide the music, and proceeds will go to the fund. The dance will be staged in honor of the sixtieth birthday of President F. Roosevelt, and is one of thousands of similar dances being held throughout the nation this week. A. Lloyd Owens, chairman of the club's entertainment committee, is in charge of the local dance.

It is understood that a dance will be held in Creswell also sometime during the week-end, with the proceeds going to the infantile paralysis fund.

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.

A percentage of the money raised in each community will be retained in the county for local infantile paralysis work, the remainder going to the national organization. Mr. Darden hopes that Plymouth will raise \$2,500 and Roper and Creswell each \$1,500.

Still Contracting For Cucumbers

There is still time for farmers who wish to plant cucumbers this season to sign marketing agreements with C. C. Lang & Son, Inc., according to W. A. Respess, manager of the local plant.

Mr. Respess said that up to this week about 250 acres had been contracted for in Washington County, a considerable acreage in the Columbia section, and about 200 acres in Bertie County. Cucumbers produced on all this acreage will be delivered to the plant here.

The manager said that farmers who wished to deal with the Lang Company should see him immediately. The contract prices for cucumbers will be higher this year than last, and machine grading will be used.

But 5 Tires, 4 Tubes For Passenger Cars Will Be Distributed

Truck Allotment Is 12 Tires And 21 Tubes; Board Is Meeting Today

A permit was given for the purchase of only one tire by the Washington County rationing board at its regular session Wednesday afternoon, according to W. L. Whitley, the chairman, who said that another meeting might be held today to consider other requests.

At the same time it was announced that the February quota for the county would be as follows: Passenger cars, 5 tires and 4 tubes; truck, 12 tires and 21 tubes. This compares with the January quota of 7 tires and 6 tubes for passenger cars and 16 tires and 13 tubes for trucks.

It is pointed out that the quotas are not cumulative, and any tires or tubes left over from the January quota cannot be issued in February. The quotas must be used up in the months for which the allotments are made, or certificates may not be issued against them.

L. E. Hassell, farmer near Roper, was the only man to secure a certificate at the meeting yesterday. He was given a permit to buy one tire for a truck, after it was shown that the truck was not used in the transportation of farm commodities to the ultimate consumer for personal, family or household use.

An application is pending for the purchase of four tubes for school buses by the Washington County Board of Education. A decision on the application will probably be reached at the meeting today.

Dr. C. McGowan said that the rationing board granted him permission to purchase a tire last week, but that he did not request a certificate to buy a tube, as reported.

As the board is meeting again today, it is not known how many of the January quota of tires and tubes will be left over.

Study Roanoke as Source for Power

Possibility of developing hydroelectric power in the Roanoke River basin, stretching from the mountains west of Roanoke, Va., to the Albemarle Sound will be studied by the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, instructions to that effect having been issued this week by the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the House of Representatives.

The Roanoke River is 400 miles long and covers a watershed of nearly 10,000 square miles.

The new study is supplemental to a survey underway, inaugurated under instructions from the House Flood Control Committee. A group of men were here last spring gathering data for this report.

Offer Insurance On 1942 Cotton

Insurance on the growing cotton crop is being offered for the first time this year, according to County Agent W. V. Hays, who said that this insurance could be obtained through the county AAA committees.

All growers, whether they are landlords, owners, tenants, or share croppers, can obtain insurance on their interest in the crop, but they must insure all of the farms in the county in which they have an interest.

Applications for such insurance must be made on or before the closing date set by the corporation for the county in which such crops are located, or before planting, whichever is earlier.

Farm Emergency Measures Topic at Meets Next Week

Will Be Held in 18 County Communities; Names of Committee Members

A series of meetings has been scheduled in 18 communities of Washington County next week for the purpose of discussing agricultural emergency measures, with County Agent W. V. Hays and Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home demonstration agent, to lead the discussions.

There are from five to eight farm men and women on the committee for each neighborhood. These men and women comprise the agricultural leaders committee on the emergency program and land use program.

The schedule, places and committee members in the various neighborhoods are as follows:

Mackeys: W. B. Davenport's store; Tuesday, 9 a. m.: Mrs. A. E. Davenport, W. B. Davenport, Mrs. Bob Chesson and J. E. Davenport.

Pleasant Grove: J. C. Tarkenton's store; Tuesday, 10 a. m.: Mrs. Clara Snell, J. C. Tarkenton, W. A. Swain, Dennis Chesson and Mrs. W. B. Chesson.

Skinnerville: C. L. Everett's home Tuesday, 10 a. m.: S. L. Davenport, C. L. Everett, Walter White and Chauncey Swain.

Westover: T. R. Chesson's store; Thursday, 9 a. m.: T. R. Chesson, Mrs. M. C. Vail, Clyde Robbins, Otis Chesson, I. R. Davenport and Mrs. Mattie Swain.

Roper: community building; Thursday, 10 a. m.: Mrs. C. E. Mizell, R. W. Lewis, E. R. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hassell, Mrs. R. L. Stillman.

Beaver Dam (Plymouth Township): Mrs. Helen Porter's home; Friday, 9 a. m.: Mrs. Stella Porter, Henry Woolard, Lula Watson and Sam Hopkins.

Union Chapel: Mrs. W. H. Harrison's home; Friday, 11 a. m.: J. H. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Allen, Mrs. W. H. Harrison and H. L. Respess.

Hoke: R. C. Jackson's home; Friday, 10 a. m.: R. C. Jackson, Mrs. Joe Browning, Mrs. W. A. Mizell and W. F. Ange.

Wenona: Mrs. C. S. Heynen's home Friday, 2 p. m.: W. L. Furbee, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Heynen, Walter Allen and Mrs. Ted Rosenthal.

Chapel Hill: club house; Thursday, 11 a. m.: Sid Allen, Mrs. Bob Swain, Mrs. Edna Latham and George Sitterton.

Plymouth: agriculture building; Friday, 1 p. m.: Golden Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bowen, E. H. Liverman, A. J. Riddle, Joe Snell and Mrs. Sam Lucas.

Pea Ridge: Mrs. Eloise Stillman's store; Friday, 4 p. m.: Mrs. Eloise

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New Fire Truck Is Purchased by Town For Delivery in May

Costs \$3,800, but Contributions Reduce Town's Expense To \$2,500

A contract was recently signed by the Town of Plymouth Council with the American LaFrance Foamite Corporation, of Atlanta, Ga., for the purchase of a new fire truck, described as a 500-gallon triple combination pump, hose car and water tank motor fire apparatus, at a cost of \$3,851.66.

Delivery of the new truck is expected in about three months, if a preference rating can be obtained from George W. Angell, of the fire equipment section of the division of purchase in the Office of Production Management at Washington, D. C.

The new fire apparatus will be mounted on a Ford chassis. Most of the equipment for the truck will be bought from the American LaFrance firm, except that a portion will be taken from the small truck now owned by the town.