

Webb Jones, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Webb Jones, of Plymouth, has volunteered to go to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, sometime during this month to work as a third-class pipefitter. Hundreds of young men are being employed to repair the damage done in the harbor by the Japanese in their sneak raid December 7.

F. H. Modlin, manager of the M. H. Mitchell Furniture Co., here, will soon remove his merchandise from the old ice plant part of the municipal building on Water Street, in order that J. B. Willoughby can begin installation of the equipment for his steam laundry.

T. W. Earle, district chairman of the Boy Scouts, asks those who have paper to contribute to the waste paper collection campaign to call Norman Furniture Co., 203-1, or get in touch with the Rev. E. B. Taylor, scoutmaster of the local troop.

Two poems written by Mrs. A. Edson Davenport, of Mackeys, were recently read over a Wilson broadcasting station. The poems were entitled "V for Victory" and "The Girl Who Was and the Woman Who Is." Mrs. Davenport is a talented writer and has been accorded wide recognition for her literary efforts.

Lewis E. Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Price, was at home from Fort Bragg this week recovering from an attack of pneumonia. This made the seventh time the young soldier has had pneumonia. He seems to be very healthy otherwise, but he is very susceptible to pneumonia during the winter months.

A meeting of the members of the Plymouth Merchants Association will be held next Monday night in the municipal building at 8 o'clock. It was announced today by James W. Norman, the president, who says there is some urgent business to be considered.

Miss Marie Harden, of Dardens, is now banking at the Branch Banking and Trust Company here. She succeeded Mrs. Alvah Wheaton, who resigned.

Several county officers are expected to attend a district meeting of county and city officials in the city hall at Greenville tomorrow to hear Robert A. Martin, chief of the materials section of the Office of Production Management.

County Board in Meeting Monday

The Washington County Commissioners held their monthly meeting last Monday, with a number of routine matters to be disposed of. The board contracted with Norman & Rodman for collection of all delinquent taxes levied by the county to and including the year 1939. The law firm is to begin immediately on the collections, so as to make as much of the money as possible available to the county in the near future.

J. C. Kirkman and S. D. Davis asked the commissioners to extend the time of an option they held for the purchase of some property owned by the county. They said that forest fires had prevented them from determining the true value of the property, and they were given until March 1 to comply with the terms of the option they held.

Carl L. Bailey appeared before the commissioners and asked them to accept deed to certain property formerly owned by Hester A. Houghton and to release other property being held on account of taxes.

Mrs. S. M. Rasmussen asked the commissioners to help get a street in the village repaired and graded. This matter will probably be referred to state authorities.

Income Tax Man To Be Here February 25 and 26

A representative of the internal revenue service of the Treasury Department will be in Plymouth at the office of the chief of police on Wednesday and Thursday, February 25 and 26, for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing income tax returns, according to information from C. H. Robertson, collector of internal revenue for North Carolina.

Car Owners Are Warned To Take All Possible Steps To Prevent Tire Thefts

Police officials are warning all automobile owners in this section to use every precaution to prevent a wave of tire thefts, evidence of which began to crop out this week with at least two industrial workers here reporting that tires had been removed from their cars while they were at work. Police advise against leaving automobiles and trucks in places where they are easily accessible to thieves.

Raymond Campbell and Tom Davis, both employees at the pulp plant here have been the victims of thieves recently. When Davis quit work Sunday night at 12 o'clock and started home, he found the front wheel and tire missing from his 1940 Ford. The thieves also took his hubcap and the nuts which held the wheel

All References To Time After This Week To Be Based on Daylight Saving

War time — otherwise known as daylight saving time—will become effective next Monday at 2 a. m., when clocks all over the nation will be moved forward one hour in compliance with the law recently passed by Congress. Most people will set their clocks up before retiring Sunday night, and the new time will be the only official time for all purposes for the duration of the war and six months thereafter.

Mail, bus, train and all other schedules will be governed by the "fast" time. In order to

avoid possible confusion all time referred to in the columns of the Roanoke Beacon after this week will be based on daylight saving time or war time, and persons who send in church notes or accounts of meetings are asked to be governed accordingly. If it is decided to hold services or meetings on standard time, kindly advance the time by one hour in reporting it to eliminate misunderstandings, since this newspaper intends to refer only to official war time in its news columns "for the duration."

May Take Men With Dependents for Army If New Law Adopted

Peanut Mill Here To Be Reopened

Indications that the old Bain peanut shelling plant, on the edge of Plymouth will be reopened for business in time at least to take care of this year's crop were seen this week with announcement of the purchase of the property by J. E. Davenport.

The deed to the property was made to Mr. Davenport by R. F. Bain, vice president, and R. G. Bain, secretary, of the Bain Peanut Company, Inc., a Virginia firm. The exact price of the property was not mentioned in the deed, which said the consideration was "\$1,000 and other good and valuable considerations."

The buildings and machinery and 6.18 acres of land were conveyed to Mr. Davenport by the deed.

Plymouth Officials Decide To Reserve Space for Bus Stop

Place Marked Off in Front Of Station Here on Water Street

The Town of Plymouth Council in session Monday night, agreed to permit the reservation of a space on Water Street in front of Arps Pharmacy for loading and unloading passengers buses operated through here by the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation. The space was painted and marked off yesterday, and will be reserved exclusively for use by the busses. The agreement was made for a period of 12 months.

As agent for the bus company, P. M. Arps appeared before the councilmen and told them the company needed a reserved space as a convenience for the traveling public as well as a convenience for the company. Councilmen understand that Mr. Arps is planning to install rest rooms in his store, which serves as the local bus station, and that he will also provide other conveniences for travelers.

The city fathers also approved a contract with Norman and Rodman for collection of delinquent taxes for 1939 and prior years. This work is to be completed within 12 months.

A second trash truck was ordered purchased by the council. An appropriation of \$1,100 was made some time ago to cover this expense. It is understood that the total cost of the truck, with a hydraulic dump body, will be around \$1,400, but the dealer agreed to give his commission, which made the total cost to the town about \$1,200.

Local Board Ready For Registration in County February 16

Plan Studied by Congress Will Make Provision For Dependents

Plans for the third registration, set for Monday, February 16, having been completed in this county, the local selective service board is now interested in the proposal, discussed in Congress this week, to pass an "Allowance and Allotment Act," similar to that in effect during World War No. 1, which would clear the path for raising an army of 8,000,000 men in the United States.

Passage of such an act would release for military duty a great many of the 10,000,000 men now deferred because of their dependents. This would also enhance the possibility of military service for many of those in the 20 to 45 age group who are to register February 16th.

The local draft board also sent a bus load of young white men from the county to New Bern Monday for their final physical examinations. Those who passed the examination are likely to be inducted into the service during the next 60 to 90 days, it was indicated, although no definite dates have yet been set.

Under the plan discussed in Congress, service men with dependents would be required to allot a specified portion of their pay for the dependents, and their allotments would be matched by an equal or larger amount from the Federal treasury. If such a plan is adopted, a large number of men in the 3-A classification, including married men with or without children, and single men supporting parents or other relatives, would receive government aid in supporting their dependents and therefore be freed for immediate service in the armed forces.

An outline of the allowance and allotment act shows that it would work out substantially as follows: Men in the service would allot up to half of their pay, but not more than \$15 per month each, to their families or dependents. The Federal Government would match this allotment dollar-for-dollar, and an extra \$10 a month would be allowed for the first child, and \$7.50 for each additional child, but the total of such payments would not be permitted to exceed \$50 per month. Thus a married man with two children who allotted \$15 per month of his pay, would have his allotment supplemented by \$32.50 from the government, and his family would receive a total of \$47.50 per month.

The army's present strength is about 1,800,000. More than 10,000,000 of the 17,500,000 men already registered under the draft law fall into the 3-A classification. The third registration, which will take place February 16, is expected to add 10,000,000 more men to the selective service rolls.

Army officials have estimated that about 960 men in this county between the ages of 20 and 45, inclusive, who have not previously registered will have their names put on the rolls February 16.

Program of Services at Episcopal Church Here

Services at Grace Episcopal church Sunday will be as follows: 10 a. m., church school; 11 a. m., Morning Prayer and sermon; 7:30 p. m., Young People's Service League. The Rev. Sidney E. Matthews, rector, will preach.

County Farmers Continue Campaign for Scrap Metal

County Agent W. V. Hays said today that farmers in the county were still gathering scrap metal to be sold to junk dealers for use in making war materials. He said that he had been unable so far to learn how much metal has been collected and sold so far during the drive.

Owners of Property Must Finish Listing By Saturday Night

No Further Extension Will Be Granted, According To Authorities

Property owners in Washington County are warned by Tax Supervisor E. F. Swain that they absolutely must list their holdings for taxation by Saturday night or be subjected to penalties, as there will not be another extension of time. All of the property was supposed to have been listed during January, but the commissioners last week extended the time for one week, Saturday night of this week being declared definitely the deadline.

W. Linwood Hassell, list taker for Plymouth Township, said yesterday that about 85 per cent of the real property in the township had been listed and about 75 per cent of the personal property. Approximately 35 per cent of the farmers have not yet given in their farm census. Mr. Hassell urges those who have not listed or given in their census to come in at once and save the penalty for delinquency in this respect.

Paul B. Belanga, list taker for Scuppernon Township, said about 90 per cent of the property there had been put on the books. W. W. White, of Skippersville, and E. M. Chesson, of Lees Mill, have not reported on listings in their respective townships. It is believed, however, that about 85 per cent of the property has been listed there.

It is not known exactly how many taxpayers there are in the county, by the four townships, but it is believed there are at least 5,000 real and personal property owners. Plymouth Township alone is said to have 2,200 property owners who are required to list taxes for 1942.

Tire Board Issues Five Certificates

Five persons and firms were issued certificates to purchase three tires, five tubes, and one obsolete tire yesterday afternoon, when the Washington County tire rationing board began issuing certificates for purchases against the February quota of 5 tires and 4 tubes for passenger cars and 12 tires and 21 tubes for trucks. This quota compares with the January quota of 7 tires and 6 tubes for passenger cars and 16 tires and 13 tubes for trucks.

Certificates were issued as follows Wednesday: H. E. Clifton, of Creswell, one tire and one tube, for pick-up truck used for farm hauling and fire-fighting work.

J. B. Edmondson, of Plymouth: one obsolete tire.

Owens Brothers, Plymouth: tire and tube for hauling farm products.

J. L. Phelps, of Creswell: one tire and tube for farm truck.

Plymouth Box & Panel Company: two truck tubes, for use on trucks hauling raw material to manufacturing plant engaged in defense industry.

Woman Lawyer With Firm Here

The first woman lawyer to practice law in Plymouth is now in the employ of Norman and Rodman here as associate counsel. She is Miss Margaret Johnson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Johnson, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who came here from Craven County, where she had been working about a year for the local legal firm.

Miss Johnson is a graduate of William and Mary College and received her LL.B. degree in the Law School at the University of North Carolina. She passed the North Carolina State Bar examination in 1940, just after her graduation in June.

Completing her assignment of work for the local firm in Craven County, she came here a few days ago and is living at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Bray on Main street.

Blackout Test Set For Next Monday

P. W. Brown, chief air raid warden here, said that he would reorganize the local force and be ready to take part in a test blackout set for Monday night between 8 and 10 p. m., for towns in the Williamson district, including Plymouth, Williamson, Windsor and others in Washington and Tyrrell Counties. The test has been authorized by W. F. Nufer, assistant director of Civilian Defense for North Carolina. People here are urged to be ready to blackout their homes and places of business at any time between 8 and 10 p. m. Monday. Mr. Nufer will likely visit here between now and Monday to complete arrangements and officials may be here to determine the success of the test.

Wilbur M. Darden To Become Clerk of Court on March 1st

Announces Acceptance This Week; Is Successor To C. V. W. Ausbon

Representative W. M. Darden this week stated that he had decided to accept appointment as clerk of the Washington County Superior Court, clerk of the recorder's court, and judge of the juvenile court, to succeed C. V. W. Ausbon, who resigned on account of his health, effective March 1.

Mr. Darden will serve the unexpired term of Mr. Ausbon, which has until December 1 to run. Mr. Darden, if he wishes to continue in the office, will be required to file for the Democratic primary in May and run for election in November if nominated.

Mr. Darden is accepting the office on the fee system basis, which holds good until December of this year. An act of the legislature last year provides for a salary of \$1,800 a year, or \$150 per month, for the office after December 1st.

Mr. Darden was recommended by unanimous vote of the Washington County Bar Association for the office. Members of the bar felt that a person who had received legal training would make for increased efficiency in the office. The appointment was made by Resident Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville. So far as could be learned, there were no other aspirants for the office.

Mr. Darden has been practicing law here for about nine years. He has served as solicitor of the recorder's court, and is now county representative in the General Assembly.

Washington County Exceeds Quota for Infantile Paralysis

County Chairman Thanks Contributors and Cautions for Work

A total of \$210 has been contributed by residents of Washington County in the annual campaign for funds for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which is climaxed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's birthday, when dances are held over the nation in connection with the "March of Dimes" campaign.

"Since the quota for this county was \$165, John W. Darden, county chairman, was elated over raising the \$210, which is \$45 over the county quota.

Special appreciation was expressed to Mrs. J. M. Phelps, at Creswell; H. H. McLean, of Plymouth; Mrs. Isa Johnston, of Roper, and W. H. Berry, of Plymouth, for their work in putting the campaign over the top. He also expressed his thanks to those who contributed and helped in other ways.

In a prepared statement, Mr. Darden said: "I sincerely thank everyone of Washington County for the splendid response to the call for funds for the campaign against infantile paralysis. This county, in this campaign, as it does in all campaigns, went over the top."

"I desire to suggest that the local or county organization arrange for all children, both white and colored, who are suffering from this dreaded disease, to obtain some treatment from the funds now in the bank for that purpose. This will have to be done through the county organization and with the advice of the doctors of the county. It is my purpose to call a meeting of the county committee sometime in the near future to work out plans for this service."

It is understood that there was about \$150 in the bank to the credit of this fund, and about \$100 from the current campaign will be added to the money on deposit for infantile paralysis work in the county.

Five Cases Tuesday In Recorder's Court

Only five cases came before recorder's court Tuesday, but some of them were long-drawn-out, causing Recorder W. Ronald Gaylord and Prosecuting Attorney W. Blount Rodman to work until about 9 o'clock that night.

Mrs. Blanche Ainsworth appealed from a fine of \$10, in lieu of 30 days on the roads, for injuring a hog belonging to W. S. Spruill.

Mrs. Ainsworth and her husband, T. H. Ainsworth, won a directed verdict of not guilty on a charge of causing the death of a mule and a cow belonging to W. S. Spruill.

Leroy Comstock, 18, white, charged with violating the highway laws, was given 30 days on the roads, suspended upon payment of the costs. The court also required him to obtain an operator's permit before driving a car again. Martin Luther Thompson, 38, white, entered a plea of guilty to violating the highway traffic laws and was fined \$10 and costs.

Daylight Time Will Bring Some Changes In Schedule Monday

CLERK OF COURT



Representative W. M. Darden announced this week that he had decided to accept the appointment as clerk of the superior court, succeeding C. V. W. Ausbon, resigned. He will take office March 1.

Schools and Most Local Stores Will Adopt New Hours

Means Starting Day Earlier But at Same Clock Time For Most People

A few changes in schedules will be made by various organizations in Washington County next Monday, when daylight saving time—or war time—becomes effective, it was indicated in a survey made today. In most cases, the clocks will simply be set forward one hour, in compliance with the law recently passed by Congress, and all schedules will remain the same by the clock, although they will be an hour earlier than at present according to standard or sun time.

The clocks in all the schools of the county will be advanced one hour, but the schools will change their schedules somewhat, varying according to the locality, with most of them beginning the day's session at 9 o'clock or shortly after. This will enable the high schools to have three periods in the morning and four in the afternoon, instead of four in the morning and three in the afternoon as at present. The noon lunch recess will be about at the same time by the clock as at present, and the day's session will close about 4:30 p. m.

At a meeting of the Plymouth Merchants Association Tuesday afternoon, it was decided that all stores, except groceries, would open at 9 a. m. and close at 6 p. m., by the new time. The grocery stores will remain on the present schedule of 8 to 6 p. m. Following the meeting, some of the merchants decided that it would be well for all the stores to open and close at the same time and advocated opening at 8:30 and closing at 5:30 by the new time. James W. Norman, president of the association, said this morning that so far as he knew no action had been taken on the proposal, and that he understood all the stores except the groceries would open at 9 a. m. and close at 6 p. m., as decided Tuesday. This schedule will remain in effect until the Wednesday afternoon closings become effective in the late spring, when it is expected the stores will return to the present 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. hours.

According to the law, industry, commerce, farms, business houses, schools, churches and all other activities will be based on war time after 2 a. m. Monday, when the law becomes effective. It is not a voluntary action, as was the case last summer, but is required by an act of Congress. It is designed to conserve electric power needed for the war effort by making available more daylight hours for work. While no material saving in electricity is expected in this immediate section, the plan is of considerable value in some industrial sections.

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Military Unit Makes Ball Park Base for Surveys in Vicinity

Engaged in Work on Aerial Maps; To Be Here for Two Weeks

The Army moved into Plymouth this week, when the tents of 55 members of the first platoon of Company A, 649th Engineers, were set up in the Kleckhefer ball park Tuesday. Lieutenant W. H. Toy is in charge of the group, which is making ground surveys for aerial maps. They may remain here about two weeks before moving on to other sections.

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Funeral for Edison Phelps Held Sunday

Funeral services were conducted in Columbia Sunday afternoon at Wesley Memorial Methodist church for Edison Phelps, who was accidentally killed at the Norfolk Naval Base on Thursday, January 22. The Rev. A. H. Chaplin officiated, assisted by the Rev. L. B. Bennett. A large crowd attended the services, and a large floral offering was contributed.

Mr. Phelps was well known in the lower part of Washington County. Active pall-bearers were D. W. and Willard White, Roy and Murrell Hassell, Raymond Phelps and Eugene Brickhouse.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Gladys Bateman Phelps, and one daughter, Barbara Ann, of Columbia; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Phelps; five sisters, Mrs. R. A. Gibbs, Mrs. Phillip Ambrose, Misses Maxine, Jeanette, and Agnes Phelps; two brothers, Junior and Bobby Phelps, all of Washington County.

Funeral Last Week For W. J. Ainsley

Funeral services were held at the home at Lake Landing in Hyde County last Friday afternoon for W. J. (Billy John) Ainsley, 73, who died at his home last Wednesday. The Rev. C. A. Martin, formerly of Creswell, officiated. Burial took place in the family cemetery.

Mr. Ainsley was well known in Washington County, especially in the Creswell section.

Pall-bearers were H. W. Spruill, Haywood Spruill, Jr., Charlie Armstrong, Ausbon Armstrong, Gilliam Ainsley and Tom Armstrong.

Surviving is his widow, Mrs. Maggie Dunbar Ainsley; two daughters, Mrs. H. V. Spruill and Mrs. Tom Armstrong, Columbia, route one; two sisters, Mrs. Willis Blake, of Columbia, and Mrs. Martha Sawyer, of Edenton.

Organized Labor Will Sponsor Drive To Boost Sale Defense Bonds, Stamps

Organized labor here is planning to stage an intensive campaign in Washington County to stimulate the sale of Defense Bonds and Stamps, according to W. L. Garrison, vice president of the State Federation of Labor for the Plymouth district, who attended a meeting in Salisbury last week, when plans for a statewide campaign were made.

The local unions here will appoint a committee to conduct the campaign in this county. It was said that the North Carolina Pulp Co. has already agreed to cooperate by putting into effect the payroll allotment plan to stimulate bond and stamp sales among its employees. Under this

plan, workmen may voluntarily request the company to deduct a specified amount weekly from their checks for the purchase of defense bonds and stamps.

Other concerns in the county are expected to follow in adopting this plan. All the local unions here will cooperate in the drive to ask every merchant, to arrange a plan for purchasing defense bonds and stamps, both for themselves and their employees.

It is believed that sales of the bonds and stamps will be greatly increased by the direct canvass. Several plans will be recommended for firms and individuals who wish to buy stamps and bonds.