

The Major Louis Charles Latham Chapter, U. D. C., will meet at the home of Mrs. Edgar Bateman, on the Washington Highway, Friday afternoon at 3 p. m., according to Mrs. Abe Adler, who urges all members to attend.

The Plymouth Box & Panel Company here will receive a refund of \$657 in income taxes that were assessed against it for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1941, according to a list issued this week by a congressional committee.

John L. Loell, personnel director of the North Carolina Pulp Company here, said Tuesday that he enjoyed waking in the morning to look out his widow at the country club and see trees instead of large apartment buildings, as do city dwellers. He came here from Detroit, Mich.

Twenty-four persons have failed to call at the office of County Agent W. V. Hays and sign applications for 1941 conservation payments, according to Nick Porter, chief clerk, who said it was urgent that they call at once in order to avoid delay in receiving their payments.

A. G. Fairweather, general manager of the C. A. Woolsey Paint and Color Co., Inc. of New York City, was here this week with L. W. Gurkin, local salesman. The paint company official was with Mr. Gurkin for several days on trips in this section.

Mrs. Maggie Swain says she has heard from her son, Ray Swain, several times since the Pearl Harbor attack. He has been in the Navy for 16 years and has the rating of a first-class pilot. At the present he is believed to be in port and may pay her a visit within a few weeks.

## Survey Made Here To Secure Housing For 100 for Army

### No Information Yet Available As To Exact Reason For Request

A survey of housing facilities available for 100 or more men has been made in Washington County by W. M. Darden, chairman of the county civilian defense council, at the request of the Army made through Theodore S. Johnson, state director of Civilian Defense.

Mr. Darden reported that the old Brinkley Hotel, the high school gymnasium and possibly other places in Plymouth could be made available; and that Thompson's hall, in Roper, and the Collins' house at Pettigrew Park, near Creswell, probably could be secured also.

No information was given as to why the housing was needed or for what group of persons the facilities were required. It was believed that similar telegrams had been sent to other towns for the purpose possibly of finding temporary locations for selective service men who had been inducted and room for whom was not available in army camps for preliminary training.

The text of the telegram received by Mr. Darden last Saturday was as follows: "Army requests immediate survey to determine location places suitable for housing 100 or more persons, such as abandoned hotels, park buildings, county homes, and similar places not now occupied where adequate facilities exist or can easily be installed."

## Mitchell Will Speak To Negroes Monday

Colored school teachers and preachers of Washington County will gather at the Roper High School auditorium Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock to hear Prof. John W. Mitchell, of A. and T. College, Greensboro, speak on the subject, "What Negro Preachers and Teachers Can Do To Help Win the War."

The visiting speaker is reputed to be one of the most brilliant Negro orators in the country and is recognized as a splendid citizen and leader of his race.

The meeting was made possible through the cooperation of H. H. McLean, superintendent of schools, and W. V. Hays, county agent.

## Growers of Sweet Potatoes Will Hold Meeting Here Thursday of Next Week

Growers of sweet potatoes are urged to attend a meeting which will be held in the Agriculture Building in Plymouth Thursday of next week, February 19, at 10 o'clock in the morning, when a discussion of growing and marketing this crop will be held, according to County Agent W. V. Hays.

The light demand and low price received for sweet potatoes during the past season indicates that something is drastically wrong in the situation, Mr. Hays said, and officials in the agriculture department believe that something definite should and can be done about the matter.

At the meeting here Thursday morning of next week, there will

## Test Blackout In This Section Monday Night Said To Be Successful

### Old Fire Engine Pictures Wanted

Mayor B. G. Campbell is anxious to locate pictures of the old fire equipment used in Plymouth before the present motorized trucks were bought years ago. If anyone has a picture of the old hand-operated pumper used here before 1903, he will be doing the mayor a great favor by lending it to him so he can have reproductions made. Following the old hand-operated pumper, the town had a hand-drawn vehicle with a gasoline engine to operate the pump. Pictures of either piece of equipment will be appreciated by the mayor.

## Town of Plymouth Tax Collections So Far Above Average

### Three-Fourths of Levy Collected; Penalty Now Effective

Taxpayers in the Town of Plymouth are urged by Tax Collector P. W. Brown to pay their 1941 taxes now, since unpaid taxes are already subject to a 1 per cent penalty, and the penalty will be increased to 2 per cent after March 1st.

It was stated that tax collections during the current fiscal year, which began July 1, 1941, had been good. Mr. Brown said he had already collected \$22,194.28 out of the total levy of \$27,000, and he still has five months to go.

The tax collector said that the first month of the new fiscal year, July, had been the best month for collections, due to the discount allowed those who paid during that time. The smallest month was August, when there was a considerable drop in the collections.

Of the \$22,194.28 collected so far during the current fiscal year, about \$4,000 was for back taxes, some for several years back. The money came in at a good time, however, as the town is buying new fire and trash trucks, and making other improvements, which cost a great deal of money.

In the remaining five months, including February, March, April, May and June, Mr. Brown hopes to collect as much of the current levy, as well as delinquent taxes, as he possibly can.

Each month payment of 1941 taxes is delayed, the penalty will be increased, and the taxpayer will be forced to pay the penalties this year, as the town council has ordered the collector to comply strictly with the law in this respect this year.

The council has an agreement with the law firm of Norman and Rodman for the collection of 1939 and prior years taxes. Those who owe taxes that far back can save the expense of foreclosure by getting in touch with the tax collector or Norman and Rodman and settling up their back tax accounts.

### Sales of Crop Land Should Be Reported at Office Here

Farmers who have sold or bought crop land should notify County Agent W. V. Hays' office here immediately, so that changes may be made as early as possible in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration contracts by March 1, according to Nick Porter, chief clerk.

Both parties interested in such transactions should come to the county agent's office in person, Mr. Porter said, so that farm maps may be changed before the land is measured. In urging immediate action, the chief clerk said that such transactions affected crop allotments.

be a discussion of various problems facing the growers, including best varieties for this section, diseases, grading, packaging and marketing of the crop. Leading the discussion will be representatives of the extension department at State College, who will make definite recommendations on certain specific problems; while representatives from the State Department of Agriculture will speak on packaging and marketing, giving visual demonstrations of their answers to potato problems.

The sweet potato crop, Mr. Hays said, can be so handled that it will constitute an important source of income to farmers of this section.

## Lasted 45 Minutes; Lights Turned Out And Traffic Halted

### All County Towns Join in Blackout; One Accident Reported Here

Thousands of people in Washington County and other surrounding counties and towns took part in the first test blackout last Monday night, and Civilian Defense Council officials, local and state, said later that the test was a complete success.

Plymouth, Creswell and Roper, in Washington County, as well as many rural homes up and down the highways, either turned off all lights or erected blackout screens over their doors and windows, and all along the streets and highways automobile traffic was stopped by state highway and other police officials and headlights turned off.

W. M. Darden, chairman of the Washington County Civilian Defense Council, said today that he wished to thank Mayor H. S. Everett, of Roper; Mayor C. N. Davenport, sr., of Creswell; Mayor B. G. Campbell, of Plymouth; Chief Air Raid Warden P. W. Brown and Fire Chief Miller Warren, also of Plymouth, for their splendid cooperation in making the blackout a success.

The fire alarms in Plymouth, Roper and Creswell sounded a few minutes after 8 o'clock, and immediately thereafter practically all lights were turned off and traffic halted. It was believed that any "enemy" plane which might have been overhead would have had a difficult time in locating an objective in this section.

In Plymouth the alert signal was given about 8:10, and the blackout lasted for about 45 minutes, with the "all-clear" sounding a few minutes before 9 o'clock. A train shifting cars on the tracks near the union station halted and doused its lights. Cars and trucks were stopped on the streets and on highways leading into the town and ordered to cut off their lights. The only exception to the blackout here was the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company, which is engaged in work on defense orders, and which did not shut down.

The organization here included an air-raid warden for each two blocks in the town, and they visited all residences and business houses in their respective districts to see that the regulations were complied with. The fire trucks moved to the union station, where they were ready to do their part in extinguishing fires. The small truck here was manned by a junior fire department organization, headed by Clarence Ayers, jr., as chief. There are about 20 young men and boys in this group, organized as an auxiliary unit to the regular fire department.

There were no reports of accidents or failure to cooperate in the blackout from Roper or Creswell, but George Askew was arrested here when the car he was driving struck the cars of Ben Robinson and Joseph S. Norman during the test.

Observers said the town and countryside were the quietest they had been in many years, and about the only light visible anywhere was that from the stars, which shone brilliantly overhead.

W. F. Nuffer, of Goldsboro, assistant state director of civilian defense, was here Monday afternoon to make preparations for the blackout, and he said afterwards that the organization in this district functioned exceptionally well and he declared the test was a complete success.

## Laymen's Week at Methodist Church

Rev. O. L. HARDWICK, Pastor  
The local Methodist church will join with other Methodist churches in observing February 15-22 as Laymen's Week. The Rev. O. L. Hardwick will preach Sunday morning on the topic, "Laymen in the Church," and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock the church will meet for study, using a guide, "The Methodist Church," by Dr. Charles E. Schofield.

Z. V. Norman, L. S. Thompson and George Barden are members of a special committee to invite the members to the school, but members and others are urged to attend without a personal invitation.

C. G. Morris, prominent layman from Washington, will speak February 22, which has been designated as official "Laymen's Day" in the churches. Mr. Morris will have as his theme to close Laymen's Week. "Methodist Men and the Mission of the Church."

With our county changing to war time, our Epworth League will meet at 7 p. m., and evening worship will be at 8 p. m. Sunday school and morning worship are at 9:45 and 11 o'clock.

## Dredge Sound Bed For 100 Tons Sand In Ilmenite Tests

### Crew Now Engaged in Securing Supply for Experimental Work

A dredging crew is scraping the bottom of Albemarle Sound for 100 tons of black sand to be sent to laboratories of the Dupont company for experiments in extracting ilmenite, according to reports reaching here from Macksays, where the work is in progress.

Dr. W. L. Gilson is understood to be in charge of the operations now underway, and it was said that the 100 tons of sand would be shipped in 10 railroad cars if routed overland. It was also said that the company would spend several thousand dollars in their experiments connected with extracting ilmenite ore from the sand in the hope of developing a new domestic source.

The Dupont company uses large quantities of ilmenite, the ore of titanium, formerly imported from India. Since the war began shipping has been limited, and the Duponts are turning to experiments with the sands of Albemarle Sound in the hope that ilmenite may be extracted in such quantity to justify large-scale development. It is understood that the laboratories of several universities are helping in the tests.

Carl L. Bailey brought the attention of the Dupont Company to the possibilities of ilmenite production in this section, and W. R. Hampton, of Plymouth, as a member of the State Board of Conservation and Development, is chairman of the committee which gave the permission of the state for the experiments now being conducted with the sand from Albemarle Sound. The State holds title to the bottom of the sound by virtue of it being navigable waters.

It is also reported by a reliable but unofficial source that the Dupont Company is transferring some of the sand to their headquarters in Wilmington, Del., for the purpose of designing machinery for extracting the ilmenite from the sand, should it be possible to handle the development on a large scale.

## County ABC Stores Earn Over \$8,500 in Profits Last Quarter

### \$5,000 of Amount Is Turned Over To County; State Gets Big Cut

Net profits of the Plymouth and Creswell legal whiskey stores were \$8,283.25 during the quarter ending December 31, 1941, it was learned today from J. R. Campbell, chairman of the Washington County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

The profit was divided as follows: \$645.89 set aside as reserve for law enforcement, including payment of salaries to L. L. Basnight and others engaged in prosecuting illegal whiskey sellers and manufacturers; \$2,232.74 paid to the state of North Carolina as taxes; and the remainder of \$5,732.25 was designated as surplus, \$5,000 of which was turned over to the county.

Gross sales of whiskey for the quarter amounted to \$30,228.60. The stock and sales expense was \$20,175.35 and gross profits on all sales were figured at \$10,053.25.

Operating expense of the stores, including salaries, wages, rent, light, water, heat and supplies, taxes and depreciation for the quarter amounted to \$1,260.51; administrative costs including legal advice, bags, per diem for board members, office supplies, taxes, insurances, and supplies were \$439.49 bringing the total expense of the quarter to \$1,800.

Assets of the ABC board on December 31 lists cash on hand at \$6,460.81; warehouse stock and stock in stores \$12,820.79; furniture and fixtures and other fixed assets bringing the total to \$19,469.46.

## Income Tax Man Here March 4-5

Jack Hinton, deputy collector for the State Revenue Department, will be in Plymouth Wednesday and Thursday, March 4 and 5, to assist taxpayers in filing state income tax returns. He will be at the office of the county auditor in the courthouse all day each day. He said that he would be glad to assist taxpayers in any way possible at any time and that it was not necessary to pay the tax at the time the return was filed out. However, payments must be made by March 15. The deputy collector will be at his office in the courthouse at Williamston from March 9 to 16, to assist late filers, but he recommends those who need help to see him earlier in order to avoid the last-minute rush which always develops.

A representative of the U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue will be at the police station February 25 and 26 to assist with Federal returns.

## Everything Said Ready For Registration Next Monday

### Issue Last Warning To Those Who Are Without Town Tags

#### Chief Says Officers Will Begin "Crack Down" This Week

With only slightly over 400 Town of Plymouth 1942 license plates for motor vehicles sold to date, Chief of Police P. W. Brown said today that the period of warning and coaxing residents to purchase them has been concluded, and those who have not already bought them are now subject to arrest and fines.

The officer wanted this last warning brought to the attention of the scores of motorists who have disregarded the town's order to date and have not bought the plates, which cost only \$1.

It is emphasized that it is necessary for Town of Plymouth officers to enforce this ordinance, just as it is necessary to enforce other regulations governing automobile traffic on highways and streets.

Chief Brown issued the last and final warning before launching a drive this week-end to see that the plates have been put on all cars and trucks owned by citizens of the town of Plymouth.

Money derived from this source is used to defray expenses of the town in the same manner as funds coming from other methods of taxation. The towns needs the money, and officers will make every effort to see that those who have failed to buy their town tags do so within the next few days.

## Salvage Drive Nets 126 Tons of Scrap Metal for Defense

### Local Dealer Says January Purchases Three Times Over December

A total of 256,200 pounds of scrap metal has been collected for national defense from the farms and homes of Washington County, according to R. D. West, manager of the West Junk Yard here, who said that the above amount represented his total purchases made during the month of January.

It was reported by Mr. West that he purchased about three times as much metals in January as he did in December, due principally to the wide publicity given the campaign among the farmers for turning the discarded metals from the homes and farms into channels for national defense.

Mr. West said that during the month of January he purchased a total of \$1,000 worth of scrap materials in the collection campaign, as against only \$300 worth during the month of December.

A committee representing farmers met with Mr. West and they agreed a schedule for prices for the metal, and then wide publicity was given throughout the county to the collection campaign and 126 tons of the materials were sold to Mr. West by the people in the county.

Coming into the Beacon office this week, Mr. West ordered the size of his weekly advertisement in the paper doubled, and explained that he was well satisfied with the Beacon as an advertising medium in Washington County.

## William T. Phelps Funeral Tuesday

Funeral services were held at the home near Roper Tuesday afternoon for William Taft Phelps, 34, who died Monday at noon at his home after a week's illness caused by appendicitis. The Rev. Mr. Wood, of Roper, officiated, and interment took place in a cemetery near Roper.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Phelps, he was a native of this county and well known and well liked by a large circle of people in his section. For some time he has been employed in the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company here. He was a member of Zion's Chapel Christian church.

Surviving are three children, Maggie, Doris, and Rebecca; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Phelps; one sister, Mrs. W. O. Edwards; and two brothers, Theodore and Nathan Phelps, all of Roper.

### Double-Header Basketball Game Here Friday Night

The boys' and girls' basketball teams of the Plymouth High School will play a double header here tomorrow night at 7:30 with teams from the Ahoekie school. Coach Louis Trunzo, of the boys' team, and Miss Irene Dixon, coach of the girls, hope to win the two games.



## Launch Drive Here To Increase Sales of Bonds and Stamps

### H. E. Beam and W. L. Garrison Head Two Local Committees

Sales of Defense Bonds and Stamps are expected to be greatly increased in Washington County within the next few days as members of two local committees begin a campaign designed to bring the bonds and stamps to the attention of every workman and business man in the county. One of the committee is headed by W. L. Garrison, vice president of the State Federation of Labor, and will be comprised of union men and men in the management of the North Carolina Pulp Company here; while the other is a committee of business men headed by H. E. Beam, cashier of the Branch Banking and Trust Company.

The committee of which Mr. Garrison is chairman is composed of the following: W. O. Kelly, electrician; D. J. Hudson, operating engineer; W. J. Jack, paper maker; J. W. Rath, employee of the local unit of the American Fork & Hoe Company; Rasser Edwards, office worker; Edgar Spruill, chemist; C. L. Morrison, auditor; and J. L. Loell, personnel director at the pulp mill.

Mr. Beam's committee is to be organized during the coming week-end. It will be composed of school officials, merchants, town officials, and county employees.

The campaign is scheduled to start some time next week. It was said that the drive would be extended to Roper, Creswell and Macksays, and other communities in the county. An effort will be made to impress upon everyone the necessity and patriotic duty to supply funds for the Government's prosecution of the war. The payroll allotment plan, by which a stated sum will be deducted from each employee's wages at regular intervals for the purchase of bonds and stamps, will be recommended.

## Funeral Tuesday of Mrs. Mary J. Elliott

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Suffolk, Va., for Mrs. Mary Jane Elliott, 91, who died there Sunday afternoon at the home of her son, M. S. Elliott, with whom she has been living. Interment was made in a Suffolk cemetery. A number of people from this county attended the last rites.

Mrs. Elliott was born in Washington County, near Creswell, in 1850, and she lived in the county until a few months ago, when she went to Suffolk to live with her son. Mrs. Elliott was one of the oldest citizens of the county and was sick only a few days before her death. She owned considerable property in this county.

Mrs. Elliott is survived by two sons, M. S. Elliott, of Suffolk; and Josh Elliott, of Flemington, N. J.; and one daughter, Mrs. Clingham Mitchell, of Richmond, Va.

## Ernest J. Davenport, of Creswell, First Man From This County To Die in War

The first definite news that a young man of Washington County had laid down his life for his country came last week, when Mrs. Pauline Clifton, of Creswell, received a telegram from the War Department, informing her that her son, Private Ernest J. Davenport, had been reported as "missing" at sea.

The message received by Mrs. Davenport was as follows: "The Secretary of War desires me to express, with deep regret, that your son, Private Ernest J. Davenport, has been reported missing at sea since about December 7. The vessel on which he sailed from Seattle has been overdue

## Men Between 20 and 45 Are Required To Register for Service

### Does Not Apply To Those Who Have Previously Registered

Complete plans were announced today for Washington County's part in the third registration under the terms of the amended selective service act, which will be held throughout the nation next Monday, February 16, to secure a complete listing of all men between the ages of 20 and 45, inclusive, who have not previously registered, for possible military service. All men not already registered who became 21 years of age on or before December 31, 1941, and who have not reached their 45th birthday by next Monday, February 16, 1942, are required to register.

Those who registered in the first registration on October 16, 1940, or in the second registration July 1, 1941, are not required to register again.

The hours of registration next Monday in this county will be from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. It is believed these hours will make it possible for everyone affected to register without losing any time from their work.

Registration places and persons in charge throughout the county are as follows: Plymouth: Selective Service Boards headquarters in S. A. Ward's office on Washington Street, with E. S. Blount, chairman of the board, in charge;

Roper: High school auditorium, with Mrs. Eva Harrell in charge; Creswell: High school auditorium, with Clyde Smithson, a member of the county selective service board, in charge.

Mr. Ward said that while the persons in charge of the work in the three communities would not be able to do the entire job of registering, volunteer workers have been secured to assist, and no delay should be experienced in getting all names on the list during the day.

It is estimated that about 960 persons will be registered in the county next Monday. This is based on calculations made by the national headquarters, which figures that about 60 per cent of the number registered October 16, 1940, will be affected this time. Around 1,600 men were registered in the county in the first registration, while there were only 67 registered last July 1 at the second registration.

## Six Cases Called in Recorder's Court

Six cases came before Recorder W. Ronald Gaylord and Prosecuting Attorney W. Blount Rodman in recorder's court Tuesday, but only two cases were cleared from the docket by final decisions. The proceedings were as follows:

Edison Wilkins was fined \$10 and costs after he had entered a plea of guilty to obtaining advancements and merchandise from J. J. Bunch upon promise to pay for them by fishing operations. It was charged in the warrant that Wilkins intended to defraud Bunch and refused to work and pay for the advances agreed on. Wiltz Norman was assessed the costs of the court on a charge of assaulting Minnie Norman.

George Askew, charged with operating an automobile while under the influence of intoxicants, had his case continued.

Charles A. Hough, charged with having improper lights on a trailer and with parking it on the highway, had prayer for judgment continued until next Tuesday.

James Bias, jr., charged with speeding, had prayer for judgment made in his case until next Tuesday.

Wiley Peyton, charged with speeding, had prayer for judgment in his case continued until next Tuesday.

Private Davenport was 23 years of age and enlisted in the United States Army in June, 1939, and was in the medical corps. Surviving is his mother, Mrs. Pauline Clifton, of the Newland section of Washington County; one brother, Silas Davenport, of the U. S. Army, now stationed in Florida; three sisters, Mrs. Fred Tyson, Mrs. Ben Twiddy and Mrs. Aaron Clifton, all of Creswell; and two half-sisters, Misses Olean and Sabra Clifton, of Creswell.