

TOWN TOPICS

Washington County officers have been extended an invitation to attend the War Traffic School at Chapel Hill March 2 to 7. Instruction will be given by FBI agents and traffic specialists. It is not known how many will go from the county.

The North Carolina Highway Traffic Advisory Committee headquarters in Raleigh has advised W. M. Darden, chairman of local civilian defense, that there are still a number in the county who have not made reports on trucks owned by them which may be needed in an emergency.

That Sterling Johnson, well-known colored man here, is going "all out" for defense was shown recently when he delivered over 1,000 pounds of waste paper to be turned over to pulp plants for the war effort. This is said to be largest single collection reported by any individual in the campaign so far.

A small fire at the rear of A. J. Byrd's Clothing Store here threatened the building for a time Saturday afternoon. Hot ashes thrown on the ground set fire to oil which had dripped from a fuel-oil tank. Only small damage was done to the back door of the store.

The Welaka Fish & Produce Co., of Macksays, announces an increase of their guarantee for ripe tomatoes to 25 cents a basket, each basket containing 5-8 of a bushel. The cannery will be operated for the benefit of tomato growers as well as fishermen this season.

Washington County Democrats have raised about \$50 of the \$75 quota for this county to apply on the debt remaining from the last national Democratic campaign, according to W. Ronald Gaylord, chairman of the county executive committee. However, none of the local Democrats attended the district Washington Day dinner in Edenton Saturday.

County Agent W. V. Hays has been made joint chairman with H. H. McLean of the Salvage-for-Victory Committee. The two men will work out a plan for consistent salvage collections and will arrange for this material to reach defense channels.

Representative W. M. Darden said this week that he would take over the duties as clerk of court Monday, succeeding C. V. W. Aushon, resigned. Mr. Darden was appointed by Judge Walter J. Bone recently.

C. E. Ayers, John Swinson, and E. Leigh Winslow, local fuel oil distributors, urge elimination of waste in every way of this oil. They hope the public will cooperate and that strict rationing will not become necessary.

Two Tires and Two Cars Released This Week by Rationers

Both Motor Vehicles Released Were Bought Before 'Freezing' Order

Certificates to purchase two automobile tires and one tube were issued to those who applied to the Washington County Rationing Board last Wednesday at its weekly meeting. B. B. Newberry, Route 1, Plymouth, was granted a certificate to buy an obsolete tire and tube for a trailer. The board has no strict regulations on odd-sized tires.

The Rev. Grover Cleveland Wood, Methodist minister of Roper, was granted permission to buy one passenger car tire for the reason that his car is needed in order for the minister to serve his several churches.

It was also learned that the board had authorized release of a special "carry-all" automobile, a combination ambulance and station wagon, to the North Carolina Pulp Company, and a new garbage truck for the town of Plymouth. These cars were bought before January 1 but delivery was halted when the ban was placed on all motor cars some time ago. It was shown that the purchasers had completed the transaction before January 1 and were only awaiting delivery when car sales were forbidden and stocks "frozen" January 1.

Material Here for High School Roof But No Workmen Have Arrived as Yet

Material has been placed here by Water Brothers, Rocky Mount contracting firm, for the purpose of putting a new roof on the white high school building, but other factors are holding up actual beginning of the work. A letter was received by H. H. McLean, county superintendent of public instruction, stating that work was to start Monday of this week, and local officials were ready, but up to yesterday the work had not gotten underway. The contractors will remove the existing roof, flash caulk copings on the parapet walls and cover the entire building with a new composition roof, similar to the one now on the building. The new roof will be guaranteed to

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Gives \$50 for Bomber for MacArthur

After reading in daily newspapers yesterday that soldiers under the command of General Douglas MacArthur, in the Philippines, were contributing part of their pay to raising a fund to buy a bomber for use against the Japanese, J. C. Tarkenton, prominent merchant and farmer of the Pleasant Grove section, deposited \$50 in the Branch Banking & Trust Company here in Plymouth to launch a fund in this county to "buy another bomber for MacArthur's boys."

Mr. Tarkenton said he was launching the movement in the hope that it would meet with a spontaneous response from the general public and thus focus the attention of official Washington on the almost universal desire in this nation that reinforcements be sent to the courageous and beleaguered American and Filipino troops engaged in the desperate last-ditch stand against Japanese invaders on Bataan Peninsula. He hopes the idea will spread rapidly, and said yesterday that he favored those who feel as he does about the matter getting together within the next few days and forming an organization to publicize and promote a campaign to "Buy Another Bomber for MacArthur's Boys."

Military experts have been contending that it is impossible to send reinforcements to the beleaguered Americans in Bataan, since the route which necessarily must be followed lies across some 5,000 miles of the Pacific Ocean, and most of the route is dominated by Japanese sea and air forces operated from island bases. However, Mr. Tarkenton believes that if enough pressure can be brought to bear, a desperate effort will be made to send some sort of help to the MacArthur forces, and it was with the hope of developing such pressure that he deposited \$50 to the credit of the movement to "Buy Another Bomber for MacArthur's Boys," listing it as a donation from Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton. Any others who are interested are invited to get in touch with Mr. Tarkenton immediately.

Veteran Court Clerk Honored Tuesday in County Court Here

Members of Bar Pay Tribute to Mr. Aushon on Eve of Retirement

A brief ceremony was held Tuesday morning in recorder's court, honoring C. V. W. Aushon, clerk of the county court since its establishment 16 years ago, and clerk of the superior court for 35 years. Mr. Aushon recorded the court proceedings for the last time Tuesday, since his resignation becomes effective next Monday.

W. Blount Rodman, prosecuting attorney, brought to the attention of the court the fact that Mr. Aushon was leaving his post and cited the fact that Mr. Aushon had been most accommodating and efficient in his work during his long tenure in the office.

P. H. Bell, local colored attorney who is the oldest lawyer in Plymouth in point of practice, paid tribute to the departing clerk and asserted that Mr. Aushon had shown no discrimination against him or his clients because of their race.

W. L. Whitley, attorney, paid his respects by mentioning the fact that Mr. Aushon had been reelected time and again during the past 35 years, which he said showed the great esteem the people of the county held for the aging clerk.

W. Ronald Gaylord, judge of the recorder's court, made a general resume of the cooperation that the recorders had received from the departing clerk and said that he had been especially helpful to young lawyers.

A. R. Dupree, sr., attorney, also made a short talk, paying his respects to Mr. Aushon, whom he has known personally for many years.

After the others had concluded, Mr. Aushon recalled some of his experiences as clerk of the court and expressed his appreciation to the people for their kindness, friendship, interest and confidence in the past years. He especially praised the members of the bar.

Horton Candidate For State Senate; Little Interest Yet

Politics Slow Getting Under Way in County; No Local Candidates

Hugh G. Horton, Williamston attorney and a member of the State Senate at the 1941 session of the General Assembly, this week announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for senator from the second district, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in May.

"Since it is precedent," Mr. Horton said, "that a senator is entitled to serve two terms, I desire to announce that I am a candidate for the nomination and election as one of the two senators for the second senatorial district in the coming primary and election."

Senator D. Bradford Fearing, having represented the second district for two terms, has reportedly announced that he will not be a candidate for reelection. So far as can be determined, no candidate has announced for the seat Mr. Fearing is vacating.

Mr. Horton is the fourth definitely announced candidate for offices which affect voters of this county. The other three are candidates for Representative in Congress from the first district. They are Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, the incumbent; Marvin K. Blount and Jack Edwards, both of Greenville.

The war has claimed so much of the attention of the voters and candidates alike in this county that there have been no announcements of candidates for any of the county offices. Political discussions are at a low ebb in this county at present.

Three Cases Tried In County Court

Three cases came before recorder's court Tuesday morning of this week, with Recorder W. Ronald Gaylord and Prosecuting Attorney W. Blount Rodman dispatching the business of the court in a few hours. The proceedings follow:

George Allen Little, violating the highway laws, 30 days on the roads suspended upon payment of costs. Willie Mizelle, trespass and larceny; nol prosequere with leave. James Berry, skipping board bill. Ordered to pay \$5 to Charlie Norman and the costs in lieu of a road sentence.

Call Comes to County For Selectees to Enter Nation's Armed Force

MISSING AT SEA



Private Ernest J. Davenport, of the Army Medical Department, has been reported missing at sea since December 7, 1941, and is believed lost. Son of Mrs. Pauline Davenport Clifton, of Creswell, he is the first Washington County man to be reported lost in World War II.

White and Colored Quotas; Group Will Go Friday Morning

White Men Leave Thursday Next Week; First Call In Five Months

Twenty-nine young white and colored men of Washington County will leave within the next few days for induction into the Army at Fort Bragg under the provisions of the Selective Service Act. This marks the first call this county has had for selectees since last September 15, but it is expected that additional men will be called in increasing numbers in the near future, as the nation is planning to increase the number in the armed forces by 2,000,000 during the current year.

The men in the quota leaving here during the next few days have all been given their final physical examinations by Army examiners at New Bern and are now ready for induction. Orders for their induction are being sent out this week and next. There are 15 colored and 14 white men in the contingents going to camp from here.

Colored men leaving tomorrow, February 27, are as follows: Fred Jones, William A. Spruill, Henry Cabarrus, Frederick Hezekiah Howard, all of Creswell; Herbert Lee McCray, Robert Lee Hill, Henry C. Myers, and Robert Louis Price, all of Roper; Henry Clay Heath, Sol Davis, Jr., William Atlas Nixon, Eugene Angelo James, William Howard Simmons and Henry Jennette, all of Plymouth; and Johnnie Lee Norman, of Macksays.

White men who will leave Thursday of next week, March 5, follow: Joseph Glimmer Gurganus, Marion Ray Kimbrough, Kenneth Monroe Swindell, and Phillip Raymond Swain, all of Plymouth; Hilton Otis Chesson, Nathan Walter Spruill, Jr., William Wright Tarkenton, James Whitford Spruill, Jesse Fred Spruill, and Crisley Norman Jackson, all of Roper; Chester Alton Davenport, William Harrison Pical, and Junior Winston Phelps, all of Creswell.

Jerome Rene Frazelle, of Onslow County, will be inducted from there but is included in the local quota. He formerly worked here in County Agent W. V. Hays' office. Joseph G. Gurganus is being inducted here for a Chicago, Ill., selective service board.

New Office Building For Law Firm Here

Construction work is underway on an office building on Water Street here this week for the law firm of Norman & Rodman. It is located on the lot next to the Western Auto Associates Store.

There will be three offices in the building, with a hall and rest room. It will be 43 feet long and 20 feet wide, of brick construction. R. L. Tetterton is the contractor, and he hopes to have the structure completed and ready for occupancy by the first of May.

The new building is going up on the lot where J. M. Reid, grandfather of Sheriff J. K. Reid, operated a mercantile establishment here about 60 years ago. Z. V. Norman, senior member of the law firm, owns the iron safe that was once in the Reid building, and when the new offices are completed will move it back to the same location where it rested more than a half century ago.

Four-Year-Old Girl Here Dies Result of Measles

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for little Miss Betty Jo Ange, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ange, who died as a result of measles Sunday morning at 7 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Ange live on the edge of Plymouth.

The Rev. Eugene B. Taylor, pastor of the local Christian church, conducted the last rites. Interment was made in the Jackson cemetery on the Long Ridge Road.

Another Test Blackout Will Be Held Here Soon—This Time Without Notice

Residents of Plymouth and vicinity are advised to be prepared for an immediate blackout at a moment's notice by P. W. Brown, chief air raid warden here, who said today that another blackout test will be held sometime during the month of March without advance notice.

Chief Brown said that the people in the town should take particular note of the fire siren alarm, and if the alarm sounds steadily for two minutes and the street lights are put out it is a signal for immediate blackout of all homes.

Home of Rev. T. F. Davenport Burns at Creswell Last Week

House and Most of Contents Total Loss; Defective Flue Cause

The dwelling occupied by the family of the Rev. T. F. Davenport, near Creswell, was destroyed by fire last Saturday afternoon. The home burned to the ground within 15 minutes after the blaze was discovered. It is reported that the dwelling caught fire from a flue in the second story.

The blaze was discovered at the end of the house and was fanned by a stiff breeze, which caused the fire to spread rapidly. Some clothing and several pieces of furniture were saved from the first floor, but the fire gained headway so rapidly that nothing could be removed from the second floor.

Mrs. Davenport and her son, Sexton, were the only members of the family home at the time. The Rev. Mr. Davenport was away. Mrs. Davenport, suffering from a heart ailment, was reported still very ill yesterday from the shock of losing her home. At the present she is at the home of a son, Lonnie Davenport.

The house was owned by Sidney Smith. It was not known whether there was any insurance on either the house or the contents.

Mrs. M. J. Norton Dies Early Today

Funeral services will be held at the home in Williamston tomorrow (Friday afternoon) at 2:30 for Mrs. M. J. Norton, who died this morning at 2:30, following an illness extending over a period of several years. She had been critically ill for the past several weeks. The Rev. B. T. Hurley, pastor of the Williamston Methodist church, will officiate and burial will take place in Norwalk, Ohio, next Monday.

Mrs. Norton was well known in Plymouth, where her husband was manager of the handle plant for six years. They came here in 1919 and moved to Williamston in 1925. Mrs. Norton was a native of Norwalk, Ohio, but had lived in North Carolina since 1915.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Norton is survived by one son, W. R. Norton, of Detroit, Mich.; and four daughters, Mrs. W. H. Carstarphen and Mrs. J. R. Everett, of Williamston; Mrs. Melvin Sullivan and Miss Ruth Norton, of Charleston, S. C.

Funeral Last Saturday For Mrs. Sarah Clifton

Funeral services were held at the home near Cherry last Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Sarah Clifton, 63, who died suddenly Friday as the result of a heart attack. The Rev. L. B. Bennett officiated. Interment took place in the family cemetery near the home.

Mrs. Clifton had lived in this county all of her life. She had several children, the names of whom could not be secured by this paper today. She is survived by her husband, Harrison Clifton.

WILL SPEAK HERE



Miss Dale Ellis, executive secretary of institutional missions for the division of home missions of the United Christian Missionary Society of the Disciples of Christ, will speak at the local Christian church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mission Worker To Speak at Christian Church Here Sunday

Miss Dale Ellis To Be Here In Interest of Emergency Million Drive

Miss Dale Ellis, executive secretary of institutional missions for the division of home missions of the United Christian Missionary Society of the Disciples of Christ, will speak at the local Christian church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

This campaign is designed to raise money to meet the emergencies of the educational and missionary work of the Disciples of Christ, both of the continuing work and that brought about through National Defense and the world at war, according to the Rev. Eugene B. Taylor, pastor of the local church.

Mr. Taylor said that the money raised will not only relieve the acute situation in this and other countries, but that it would help to relieve problems facing the local churches. Hundreds of schools, hospitals and other institutions are depending on the result of this campaign.

The speaker here Sunday night, Miss Ellis, is devoting her time to institutional work among the Japanese-Americans, Mexican-Americans, American Indians, the highlanders of the southern mountains, and the Negroes, every race and color in this country.

Miss Ellis has been a missionary to the Philippine Islands. At Laog she had charge of the Christian dormitory and school for girls, a part of the educational service to the Filipino Christian Mission of the Disciples of Christ. She served as secretary of this mission and has been a teacher of English in Silliman Institute, the largest Protestant college in the islands. Her unusual opportunity has given her an insight on conditions in the Orient shared by only a few.

On her last trip from the East to the United States, Miss Ellis came home by way of Europe. She has been dean of women at Cotner College, her alma mater, and is reported to be a speaker of unusual charm and vivaciousness.

County Goal for Oil Peanuts Is Fixed at 4,000 Acres in 1942

Hope To Increase Production in State by 300,000 Acres This Year

Revised county goals for increases in production of peanuts for oil gives Washington County a record high this year of 4,000 acres, according to R. L. Stillman, county chairman of the USDA Board.

Mr. Stillman said that the state's total production goal of oil peanuts this year had been set at 320,000 acres, as compared with 7,060 acres grown for this purpose in 1941. The allotment for edible nuts remains at 225,000 acres.

It is explained by Mr. Stillman that the large increase has been asked for by Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard in view of the curtailed imports of vegetable oils from the Far East.

Before the United States entered the war, he said, the nation's peanut goal was 3,500,000 acres, including 1,600,000 acres of edible peanuts. North Carolina's share of the goal for oil-producing peanuts was placed at 216,000 acres. After the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese, the national production was raised to 5,000,000 acres, 1,500,000 acres being added for oil purposes. Subsequently, North Carolina's quota was increased to 320,000 acres of oil-producing peanuts.

"Secretary Wickard has asked farmers to mobilize their forces to produce the food crops needed to fight this war," Mr. Stillman said. "This is agriculture's No. 1 job, and I am confident Washington County and other North Carolina farmers will join in meeting these production goals."

Library Trustees Elected Tuesday

Trustees of the Washington County Library were elected at a meeting held in the public library at the courthouse here Tuesday as follows: Mrs. C. E. Ayers, Plymouth, chairman; Mrs. A. E. Davenport, Macksays, vice chairman; Mrs. J. R. Campbell, Plymouth, secretary; and Mrs. W. A. Blount, of Roper, treasurer. Mrs. Ayers will name committee members later. Mrs. Dorcas W. Reid, field worker for the North Carolina Library Commission, and Miss Irene Hester, WPA district library training supervisor, were present.

The first meeting of the trustees will be held next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 in the library. Meetings will be held monthly, on the first Tuesday afternoon. Books will be carried to Macksays, Roper and Creswell for distribution each month and other distribution centers will probably be designated later.

Schedule of Services for Grace Episcopal Church

Services will be held Sunday at Grace Episcopal church as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m.; worship service at 11 a. m.; and a sermon again at 7:30 p. m. William E. Daniels, student minister, will preach at both the morning and afternoon services.

Services are being held each Wednesday evening during Lent at 7:30 o'clock, with the Rev. Sidney E. Matthews, rector, in charge.