

About 50 per cent, or 6,180, of the 12,323 population of Washington County live on farms. This leaves 6,143 who live in towns. The population is believed nearer balanced between town and country than in any other county in this section. However, a great many people who live in the rural sections work in the industrial plants near the town.

Patrons of the schools in Plymouth are urged to attend a meeting of the parent-teacher association at the high school auditorium next Tuesday, March 10, at 3:45 p. m., by Mrs. W. V. Hays, president of the organization. The seventh grade will present a program.

There still remains time for farmers who wish to grow cucumbers to make contracts with C. C. Lang & Son, Inc., for this season. Those interested are asked to call at either Blount's Hardware Store or the plant on Brinkley Avenue. Prices for cucumbers will be higher this season than last, according to W. S. Respass, manager.

Fire loss in the town of Plymouth last year totaled only \$1,400, instead of \$32,000 as reported last week. The local firemen answered calls to fires threatening property valued at \$32,000, but the actual damage was held to \$1,400 during the 12-month period.

Mayor Henry Starr Everett, of Roper, says plans are being made to organize a fire department there. Every plan advanced is being studied closely, and it is hoped that something can be done about the matter very shortly. An attempt to buy equipment will be made after the plans are completed.

The Roper Ruritan Club will meet tonight for its monthly session. It was stated that there would be no program, as the meeting would be devoted to business. F. D. Wilson, Roper merchant, was speaker at the meeting last month.

Miss Helen Harrison, daughter of Mrs. Kathleen Harrison, of Plymouth, was one of 57 members of the junior class on the first semester honor roll at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Wilbur M. Darden formally entered upon the duties of the office of clerk of the Washington County Superior Court here yesterday morning. C. V. W. A. A. Darden, clerk for 35 years, who is retiring voluntarily, served at the Tuesday session of the recorder's court.

C. N. Davenport, sr., mayor of Creswell, was in town today accepting contributions for the benefit of the Rev. T. F. Davenport, prominent minister of that section, whose home was destroyed by fire last week.

Funeral Rites for Creswell Native in Hampton Thursday

Mrs. James E. Mansfield Died Last Tuesday After Short Illness

Creswell.—Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon in Hampton, Va., for Mrs. Geneva Davenport Mansfield, 26, formerly of Creswell, who died in a hospital at the Virginia City Tuesday after a brief illness. Her former pastor, the Rev. L. B. Bennett, of Creswell, officiated, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Carroll, of Phoebus Methodist church. Interment took place in the Oakland cemetery.

Mrs. Mansfield was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Davenport, who until January of this year resided near Creswell, moving from here to Princess Anne, Va. Besides her husband, James E. Mansfield, she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Davenport, of Princess Anne, Va.; five sisters, Mrs. Mary Handerson and Mrs. William Casper, of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Joseph Capeto, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Gibson B. Smith, of Newport News, Va.; Miss Hope Sherrill, of Norfolk, Va.; and four brothers, Macon, Jasper, E. James, and J. Paul Davenport, all of Norfolk, Va.

Fall-bearers were C. W. Horton, A. B. Flythe, William Casser, Carroll Engelbert, Leonard Newcombe and Harry Henderson. Honorary pall-bearers were intimate friends of the family. The large floral offering attested the esteem in which Mrs. Mansfield was held.

Many Employees of Pulp Company Agree To Buy Defense Stamps, Bonds

A fairly large percentage of the employees of the North Carolina Pulp Company are signing an agreement for the deduction of between 5 and 15 per cent of their weekly earnings, to be put into Defense Bonds and Stamps, according to W. L. Garrison, co-chairman of a committee to promote the sale of bonds and stamps in Washington County and vice president of the State Federation of Labor for the Plymouth district. Mr. Garrison and members of

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Wool and Cloth Received by Red Cross To Make Garments for Armed Forces

Fifty pounds of sweater wool and about 50 yards of cloth have been received and will be distributed to workers who have volunteered to knit or sew for the Red Cross, according to Mrs. J. K. Reid, production chairman. Ten pounds of the local chapter. Those who wish to begin work are asked to call for the materials as soon as possible. The garments to be made from wool will be distributed equally between the army and navy, it was said.

Mrs. Reid said that knitting needles for the sweaters may be obtained from Mrs. P. W. Brink-

ley. Sock needles have been ordered, but have not been received yet. The chairman asks that all garments made from the materials received this week be completed and handed to her by the first of May.

In the future wool for knitting garments for men in the armed service will be furnished free of charge to the chapter. Heretofore, the local unit has been paying for such materials. The wool will be allocated to chapters on the basis of population, and it is expected that about 120 pounds of wool will be sent to the chapter here between now and December 31, according to Mrs. Reid.

Name Committee To Survey Farm Acreage in Town

Uniform Valuation Will Be Placed on Property After Acreage Determined

C. E. Ayers, J. R. Manning and A. J. Riddle were named to a committee by the Town Council, at its regular meeting Monday night, to visit the property of Owens Brothers and others to determine how many acres of farm property were included in the recent extension of the town limits.

This is being done in order to find out definitely just how many acres were included in the extended area which can be classified as "farm property" for tax valuation. After the acreage is definitely established, uniform valuation will be placed on it by the town.

The councilmen also decided to provide water free for the Masonic lodge hall, now being prepared on the second floor of the old Brinkley Hotel property above the beer parlor, barber shop and shoe shop on Washington Street. However, the lodge was asked to provide a separate pipe line to the water connections.

Rationing Board To Work Without Clerk Until Aid Necessary

Members Hope To Spare Government Expense as Long as Possible

Members of the Washington County Rationing Board, composed of W. L. Whitley, chairman, E. F. Still and A. J. Riddle, have unanimously decided to do the work incident to the duties of their board themselves and not to call for assistance unless and until the work increases to the extent that they are forced to do so. They take the view that, considering the national emergency and the fact that all expenditures for purposes other than prosecution of the war, ought to be held to a minimum. It was stated that the people should be made to feel that the money they are called upon to invest in Defense Bonds and War Savings Stamps is being used to accomplish the defeat of the enemies of the country and that every citizen of the country should consider it a privilege to do whatever he or she can to accomplish this result.

Members of the board receive no compensation whatever for the services they are called upon to render.

Will Begin Repairing Peanut Plant Shortly

Workmen will begin repairing the buildings and machinery of the Old Clark Peanut Company plant here within the next few weeks, according to J. E. Davenport, who recently purchased the property. It is planned to have everything in readiness for shelling and cleaning peanuts before the 1942 crop comes on the market, it was said.

Mr. Davenport said that new style cleaners would be installed. In addition, extensive repairs will be made to the boiler, plant building and warehouses.

Audit of Accounts Of Retiring Court Clerk Is Ordered

Commissioners Clear Way For Darden To Succeed Ausbou in Office

The commissioners of Washington County, at their regular session here Monday, ordered that an audit be made of the accounts of C. V. W. A. A. Darden, former clerk of superior court who resigned recently on account of the state of his health, in order that the new clerk, W. M. Darden, can get his \$5,000 bond ready and assume the office.

Under the terms of a resolution passed by the commissioners, the new superior court clerk, when he assumes the office, will make a monthly report to the county accountant, showing all funds collected and belonging to the office, with a settlement to be made each month of the money due the county, and a like settlement of any funds belonging to the state.

The local branch of the Branch Banking & Trust Company was officially named as the depository for all funds accruing to the county through the clerk's office.

The resolution also provides that Mr. Darden is not responsible for any funds of the clerk's office except such as are actually received by him after he assumes the office.

The commissioners appointed the following as trustees of the Washington County Public Library Association: Mrs. C. E. Ayers, chairman, for a term of four years; Mrs. J. R. Campbell, Plymouth, secretary, six years; Mrs. W. A. Blount, Roper, two years. The other trustees, Mrs. Clyde Smithson, Creswell; Mrs. J. L. Rea, jr., Wenona; and Mrs. A. E. Davenport, of Mackeys, vice chairman; were not assigned definite terms.

School Rallies To Sales of Defense Bonds and Stamps

Faculty and Students Buy \$3,353.40 Worth "Freedom" in 2 Months

A total of \$3,353.40 in Defense Stamps and Bonds has been purchased by the pupils and teachers of the white schools in Plymouth in the two months since Christmas, according to an announcement made today by Principal R. B. Trotman.

This total represents the actual amount of money invested in the bonds and stamps by the 722 pupils and 22 teachers of the high school and Hampton Academy. The Thrift Club plan of systematic savings is sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club here.

Under the thrift plan, the boys and girls and teachers have a certain period devoted to Defense Bonds and Stamps each Thursday. During this period the stamps and bonds are purchased and other such matters attended to.

H. H. McLean, county superintendent of public instruction said that both the white and colored schools of the county were working on a similar program, and that hundreds of dollars worth of Defense Bonds and Stamps were being sold through this thrift plan in the schools.

Services Are Announced By Rev. W. B. Gaither

Creswell.—The Rev. W. B. Gaither announces again the following services being held each week during Lent: Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., at home of Mrs. Ida Hassell, mission study class. Wednesday, 8 p. m., union prayer service; to be held at Methodist church next week.

Friday, 4:30 p. m., at Christ church, special Lenten service, conducted by rector, for childre and adult youth of community to compose choir. Mr. Gaither announces that the regular third Sunday morning service will not be held this month; but that on Palm Sunday, March 29, the 11 a. m. service will be held.

County Red Cross Officials Re-elected At Meeting Friday

John W. Darden Chairman; Other Officers Named at Annual Meeting

Members of the Washington County Chapter of the American Red Cross in annual meeting at the courthouse here last Friday night, re-elected all officers for another year, returning John W. Darden to the county chairmanship of the organization for another term.

Associated with Mr. Darden in the direction of this work in the county for the ensuing year will be Mrs. Leroy Bateman, secretary; T. C. Burgess, treasurer; Mrs. S. A. Ward, first vice chairman; Mrs. P. B. Bateman, second vice chairman; Mrs. J. K. Reid, home service chairman; W. H. Paramore, publicity chairman; R. B. Trotman, accident prevention chairman; and Mrs. R. E. Dunning, junior Red Cross chairman.

The Creswell unit has Mrs. W. B. Gaither as chairman; Mrs. Clyde Smithson, vice chairman; Mrs. Joe B. Davenport, secretary; A. H. Tucker, treasurer; Mrs. E. S. Woodley, production chairman; and J. B. Davenport, home service chairman.

In the treasurer's report, made by Mr. Burgess, it was shown that the local chapter had \$618 on checking account and \$200 in a saving account at the local bank.

Mrs. W. B. Gaither and Mrs. J. B. Reid were named to a committee to investigate the possibility of placing one or more first-aid kits in all of the white and colored schools of the county.

Mrs. J. K. Reid was asked to formulate plans for surgical dressing rooms and let the chapter know just plans were worked out.

Mrs. Gaither made an interesting talk during the meeting of the work of the Red Cross in the Philippine Islands and members of the chapter were thanked for their cooperation by Chairman Darden.

Members Band Here To Play in Concert At Creswell on 13th

Eleven Junior Musicians to Take Part in All-Albemarle Concert

Eleven members of the Plymouth High School Band have been selected to participate in the All-Albemarle Band concert to be given in Creswell Friday, March 13, at 8 p. m., either in the Creswell High School auditorium or outdoors, if the weather permits.

Director L. W. Zeigler, of the local band, said that the program for the day included rehearsals from 2 to 5 p. m.; banquet and presentation of medals at 6 p. m.; concert at 8 p. m.; and dance, at the Edenton Armory at 10 p. m.

The band will be composed of selected players from the following bands of the Albemarle: Edenton, Plymouth, Hertford, Pasquotank County, Currituck County, Hyde County, and Belhaven.

Selections for the concert include "American Patrol," by Meacham; "Fair Chicago March," by Garbel; "Ringling Brothers Grand Entry," by Sweet; "King Cotton March," by Sousa; "March of Time," by Olavdoti; "Crusader's Overture," by Buchtell; "The Old North State" and "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Those selected to participate from Plymouth follow: Harry McLean, solo cornet; Charles Brown, second cornet; Helen Darden, tenor saxophone; Zeb Norman, jr., baritone saxophone; Fanny Lou Winslow, bell lyra; Carl Bailey, Sousaphone; Jack Horton, snare drum; Felton Maege, baritone horn; Mary L. Campbell, solo clarinet; Gertrude Woolard, second clarinet; and Roy Manning, first trombone.

Few in County Insuring Cotton

Very few persons who have an interest in cotton to be produced during 1942 in this county have insured their share in the crop by making application to the county agent's office, according to County Agent W. V. Hays.

Producers have until March 16 to apply for insurance of either 50 per cent or 75 per cent of their normal yield, whichever they desire; and if the application is approved, the cotton crop is insured from the time of seeding until weighing-in at the gin.

The insurance covers all unavoidable losses, such as damage by flood, hail, drought, disease, and insects, and if a loss occurs such loss will be settled by local farmers within the county selected as crop insurance adjusters.

No cash is required at the time application is made for the insurance if the farmer agrees to plant within his allotment, and the premium can be paid at any time until October 25. If not paid by that time, it may be deducted from any agriculture payment due the producer.

School Leaders Are Making Survey for Sugar Ration Cards

Restricted Use of Commodity Expected To Start Within Few Days

The principals of all elementary schools in Washington County have been busy this week preparing estimates of the population expected to be registered very soon at their respective schools for the purpose of securing War Ration Book 1, which will be necessary for all sugar purchases after strict rationing is instituted in the near future.

As soon as the population estimates are received at state and national headquarters, each school will be provided with its share of the 19,000,000 copies of the first war ration book, 200,000,000 consumer application forms, and 200,000,000 instruction sheets for consumers.

According to recent estimates, each individual will be allowed to buy but 8 ounces of sugar per week, instead of 12 ounces, as originally planned. The reduction was caused by the increased loss of shipping in recent weeks due to the activity of Axis submarines. Each of the ration books will contain 28 stamps, each good for a week's supply of sugar. Whenever a purchase of sugar is made, the retailer will take a stamp from the consumer's book and then use these stamps to replenish his stock from wholesalers.

H. H. McLean, county superintendent of public instruction, has already received information as to the number of families and names of members of the families from most of the school districts in the county.

Following the registration, at a date to be announced later, civilian applications will be made at the public elementary schools for the war ration book. Those who apply for ration books must certify to the amount of sugar on hand in their homes at the time the applications are made. The officials hope to begin sugar rationing sometime during the present month, and preparations are rapidly going forward to this end.

Special paper is being used for printing the ration books to make them more difficult for counterfeiters to imitate.

Attorney General's Opinion Holds Tax Legal on ABC Stock

Official Cites Decisions of Supreme Court on Which His Opinion Based

Liquor stocks in Alcoholic Beverage Control stores in Washington County are subject to ad valorem taxation by the towns in which they are located, according to an opinion handed down recently by Attorney General Harry McMillan, upon request for a ruling made by W. L. Whitley, attorney for both the Town of Plymouth and Washington County.

In a letter to the attorney general some time ago, Mr. Whitley asked for a ruling on the question: "Is the liquor stock of a county ABC store subject to ad valorem taxation?" Reply to the question at some length, the attorney general cited that "prior to the case of Weaverville vs. Hobbs, 212, N. C. 684, his office had uniformly held that liquor stores were subject to ad valorem taxation; however, when the opinion in the Weaverville case was handed down, we rendered opinions in conformity with the rule laid down in that case, to the effect that such stores were exempt from taxation."

"However, from the majority opinion in the case of Warrenton vs. Warren County, 215, N. C. 342, reaffirming the doctrine laid down in Benson vs. Johnston County, 3209, N. C. 751, it appears that such liquor stores are now taxable for ad valorem purposes.

"Due to the division of the Supreme Court in the Warrenton case, there exists a great deal of uncertainty as to what the court may decide in any particular situation involving this question. However, I am of the opinion that the reasoning advanced in the Warrenton case would permit taxation of the liquor stock in county ABC stores."

The Town of Plymouth alleges that it should either have a share of the profits made in the local store or should have permission to exact ad valorem taxes from the stock in the local store. If the stock in the local store amounted to \$10,000, the town would get about \$200 in taxes annually. Some of the local officials do not believe the stock in the Plymouth store will inventory \$10,000.

Rocky Mount Nurse Gets Position at Local Plant

Miss Marguerite Cobb, of Rocky Mount, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cobb, of Tarboro, has succeeded Mrs. T. B. Jeffreys, of Plymouth, as nurse at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company here. Miss Cobb is a graduate of Park View Hospital at Rocky Mount and has been engaged in private nursing since 1936. She is living in the home of Mrs. Blanche Midgett here.

War Production Board Denies Town Priority For Buying Fire Truck

Army Postpones Examining Date

Orders from the State Selective Service for 21 young men of this county to be sent to New Bern Wednesday for pre-induction examinations were cancelled by later instructions, which were not received here until after the men had already assembled at the bus station, according to Clerk S. A. Ward, of the local selective service board. The letter rescinding the order for the men to report for examination was dated in Raleigh last Saturday, but was not received here until Wednesday morning, after the men were waiting at the bus station.

It is understood that in the future, selectees will be inducted into the service the same day they are examined. Heretofore, they have been examined and returned home to await later call for induction.

14 Young White Men Leave County Today For Army Service

Men Who Left This Morning Already Passed by Medical Examiners

Fourteen young white men of Washington County left today for Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville, where they will be inducted into service of the United States Army under the provisions of the selective service act. This is the first quota of white men to leave in several months, while 15 young colored men were sent to the camp Friday of last week.

The selectees who left this morning have already been passed by the Army Medical examiners at New Bern and will enter the service immediately upon arrival in camp. Increased quotas are expected by the local board in line with the announced intention of the government to increase the armed forces of the nation by 2,000,000 during the current year.

Those who left today were Joseph Gilmer Gurganus, Marion Ray Kimbrough, Kenneth Monroe Swindell, and Phillip Raymond Swain, of Plymouth; Hilton Otis Chesson, Nathan Walter Sprull, jr., William Wright Tarkenton, James Whitford Swain, Jesse Fred Sprull and Grady Norman Jackson, of Roper; and Chester Alton Davenport, William Hardison Peal, and Junior Winston Phelps, all of Creswell.

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

New Equipment Is Installed at Garage

Installation of the Bear Dy-Namic balancing service for wheels, and equipment for straightening axles and frames of automobiles and trucks, to save wear and tear on both the cars and tires, was announced this week by Dan R. Satterthwaite, of Satterthwaite, Inc., local automobile dealers.

Mr. Satterthwaite said use of the new equipment would give better tire mileage, greater driving safety and comfort and easier steering on all cars and trucks. At the same time, Mr. Satterthwaite announced the employment of several new men in his garage. They are C. W. Mackay, of Washington, who has been handling the Bear Wheel balancing machines for five years and who has been engaged in repairing auto bodies for 15 years; Fred Summerlin, of Williamston, repairer of auto bodies; and C. M. Bullock, of Williamston, mechanic.

Future Soil Conservation and Parity Payment Checks Will Be Mailed Out

Acting to help farmers in the county save their tires and time, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration has announced that it will deliver future parity and soil conservation checks direct to the owners.

Heretofore, owners have been directed to call at County Agent W. V. Hays' office in the agricultural building for their checks. Farmers who have changed their addresses since applying for the payments should leave forwarding addresses at their farm-

Material Shortage In Vital Defense Regions Is Cited

Town Officials To Return \$1,000 Contributed Toward Cost

War Production Board officials have notified Mayor B. G. Campbell that they could not recommend issuance of a preference rating for the new fire truck which the Town of Plymouth decided to buy sometime during the month of January.

"The present shortage of fire-fighting equipment is such that communities, having a minimum of equipment, must be asked to try to get by without acquiring new equipment until vital defense areas, which are at present unprotected, receive the necessary protection to insure a continued production of war materials," according to Wayne Allen, chief of the Defense Purchase and Supply section.

Mr. Allen asked the officials if the town had considered the purchase of auxiliary fire-fighting equipment of the trailer type, and implied that these units will be relatively easy to secure within the next few months. "These units," said Mr. Allen, "have equal pumping capacity with conservation of critical materials, such as copper, brass, rubber, etc., and are extremely mobile and can be towed behind the average passenger car or truck and can pump a minimum of 500 gallons of water per minute."

The Town Council has the painful duty now of returning to the donors \$1,000 that had been placed in the bank here by the Plymouth Box and Panel Company, the American Fork and Hoe Company, and the North Carolina Pulp Company, for the purchase of the 500-gallon triple combination pump, with hose car and water tank, fire-fighting truck.

Failure to secure the new apparatus also relieves members of the Plymouth Fire Department of their obligation to contribute their services free this year, as they had voted to do; with the money that they would have earned being applied to the purchase of the new truck.

Byron H. Wiswell Dies at Home Here

Funeral services will be held at the Horner Funeral Home here Friday afternoon at 2:30 for Byron Hamlin Wiswell, 81, who died at his home here last night at 10:15, as the result of a stroke of paralysis. The Rev. O. L. Hardwick, pastor of the local Methodist church, will officiate. Interment will take place in the Lily cemetery near Williamston.

Mr. Wiswell, well known seaman who has traveled many oceans and waterways, died on his eighty-first birthday. He was born in Clayton, N. Y., the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Amos Wiswell. He came to Plymouth 25 years ago on a boat of his own called "The Oak." He operated vessels from here to Bertie County as a ferry, and had been an officer on several steamships before coming to Plymouth.

His first wife died immediately after he came to Plymouth. Later he married Mrs. Hattie L. Price here. His widow is the only surviving member of his immediate family, so far as could be learned.

Active pall-bearers will be T. C. Burgess, C. C. Lilley, E. M. Blaud, Guy Cox, Charlie Williams, and Woodrow Dixon.

Missionary To Speak at Philippi Church Sunday

The Rev. S. S. McWilliams, missionary who has recently returned from Buenos Aires, Argentina, will conduct service at Philippi Christian church Sunday night, March 8, at 8 o'clock. It was announced this week. The public is invited to attend.

Spends Week-End Here Walter Burgess, of Durham, spent the week-end at home.

All checks which are not delivered after being mailed will be returned to Washington, it was said. So far, not a single 1941 payment has been received in Washington County, according to Nick Porter, chief clerk in the office of the county agent. In addition to saving tires and gasoline for the farmers, mailing the checks will reduce the expense usually incurred by the local Agricultural Conservation Association in distributing the payments.