

County Board Will Meet Next Monday To Hear Complaints On Tax Valuations

The Washington County Commissioners will meet in the courthouse here next Monday morning at 10 o'clock as a board of equalization and review to hear complaints about valuation of property recently listed for taxes and to make adjustments where necessary in the valuations.

be difficult to have adjustments made after that time. Those who discover errors in the listing abstracts are also urged to be present to have them corrected at the meeting Monday.

There have been few instances of valuation changes from last year, when the quadrennial revaluation of real estate was made. It is not believed that there will be any material change in the

valuation between last year and this year.

The total valuations of all property in the county for taxable purposes is around \$8,500,000. The few changes that will be made this year will not materially affect this total, as most of them deal with property where improvements have been added or damage has been done by fire or other like cause. No general revaluation will be made.

Advise Local People Be Ready for Instant Blackout Any Time

Chief P. W. Brown Returns From Two-Day Defense School in Raleigh

Chief Air Raid Warden P. W. Brown returned home today from a two-day Civilian Defense school held in Raleigh Tuesday and Wednesday, when firemen and police officers were taught proper methods of protecting their communities from air raids.

He urges the people in each house to prepare one room of their home so that a light in it could not be seen from the outside. This would make it possible to render immediate attention to any person who might be injured.

He also urges proprietors of business houses to have their wiring so arranged that the store could be darkened in a few seconds after a blackout alarm was sounded. There will be no time for officers or wardens to get in touch with the owners and have them turn off the lights in their places of business.

Mr. Brown said there would hardly be another test blackout with a prior warning. He also said that state officials believe that air raids may come to some sections of the coastal area at any time—and Plymouth is only 20 minutes from the coast.

Full and complete cooperation by all is necessary, he said today, and everyone should be on the alert at all times for the blackout signal, which is steady blowing of the fire siren for two minutes and darkening of street lights. Whenever the street lights are turned off and the fire siren starts to blow, householders should extinguish all lights immediately and other blackout regulations become effective.

C. W. Alexander, 71, Dies at Home Here After Long Illness

Suffered Stroke of Paralysis Two Years Ago; Final Rites Sunday

Funeral services were held at the home on Monroe Street here Sunday for Charles Wilson Alexander, 71, who died at his home Saturday at 8:30 p. m., after suffering from a stroke of paralysis for two years. The Rev. J. M. Johnson, of the Baptist church, and the Rev. B. E. Taylor, of the Christian church, officiated. Interment was made in the Kelly cemetery in the Long Ridge section.

A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Alexander, Mr. Alexander was born in Washington County on April 10, 1870. He has lived in this county for about 17 years, after having moved from Roper to Beaufort County. He was a farmer and for many years was a member of the Acre Chapel Christian church.

He was married to Miss Annie Craddock, who lived near Plymouth many years ago. Mr. Alexander is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. Mabel Jarvis, of Beaufort County; and three sons, H. W. C. W., and A. W. Alexander, all of Plymouth.

Fifty Men Notified They Are Subject To Be Reclassified

Advised To Present Any Added Information or Claim for Deferment

Fifty letters were mailed this week from the office of S. A. Ward, clerk of the Washington County Selective Service Board, to registrants in this county, notifying them that their classification has been reopened and upon information in the office of the board, the registrants are subject to be reclassified and placed in Class 1.

Those to whom the letters were sent were advised to present any additional information or claim for further deferment to the board to aid in final classification. This information must be supplied to the board in writing within 10 days after the notice of possible reclassification was mailed.

It was stated that about 15 of those to whom the letters had been sent, although previously deferred for legitimate causes, are now subject to military service under the amended regulations issued as the Army takes steps to increase its strength by about 2,000,000 men in 1942.

Will Press for Added Fire Equipment Here

SAFE IN HAWAII



Cpl. Atwood B. Davenport, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davenport, Sr., of Roper, who is reported safe in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he has been stationed in the Army for three years.

Town Officials Plan To Appeal Decision Of Production Board

Will Continue Efforts To Buy Additional Fire Truck Here

Despite the War Production Board's decision not to recommend preference rating for the purchase of a fire truck for the Town of Plymouth, Mayor B. G. Campbell said today that efforts are being continued to get priority for buying the much-needed additional fire-fighting apparatus.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown and Fire Chief Miller Warren spent both Tuesday and Wednesday in Raleigh attending a Civilian Defense meeting, and they planned to get in touch with state officials and attempt to get their help in securing the additional fire equipment here.

When the Town Council first heard the report of Mayor Campbell, they decided to let the matter drop and to return \$1,000 contributed toward the purchase of the fire truck by the North Carolina Pulp Company, the American Fork & Hoe Company, and the Plymouth Box & Panel Company. However, it was later decided to press for the right to secure the equipment, and the fund will be kept in the bank until the matter is finally brought to a conclusion.

It may be necessary for Mayor Campbell and other town officials to go to Washington, D. C., to place the matter before officials of the War Production Board. They will argue that Plymouth is near the Atlantic coast and might well be subjected to air raids, in addition to the ever-present local fire hazards, which are considered sufficient to warrant purchase of another truck.

It will be cited that the present equipment is old and inadequate to protect the town and surrounding industrial plants under normal conditions; and that it is essential for the town to secure the proposed 500-gallon triple combination pump, with fire hose car and water tank.

Even Dozen Cases Tried Last Tuesday In Recorder's Court

Session Continues All Day; W. M. Darden Serves as Clerk for First Time

An even dozen cases came before recorder's court Tuesday morning, with Recorder W. Ronald Gaylord and Prosecuting Attorney W. Blount Rodman dedicating the entire day to disposing of the docket. W. M. Darden, new clerk of court, performed the duties of the office for the first time since succeeding C. V. W. Ausbon, whose resignation after 35 years of service became effective last week.

The proceedings were as follows: Gabriel Smith, speeding; 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$5 and costs. A. J. Hardison, drunk and disorderly; 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$5 and costs.

Eddie Stillman was found not guilty of failing to stop within 50 feet of a school bus while children were getting on or off.

John L. Pailin and James Robertson were each given 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$5 fine and costs on a charge of engaging in a fight, using deadly weapons, such as knives and clubs and doing each other serious bodily harm.

Jesse W. Griffith was fined \$5 and costs for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

C. V. Small was fined \$5 and costs for permitting an unlicensed driver to operate his car.

T. L. Lilley was assessed with the costs for transporting a pint of illegal whiskey and for being drunk and disorderly.

Walter Smith, charged with operating an automobile while under the influence of intoxicants, was given 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs. His driver's license was revoked for 12 months.

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Plans Worked Out Last Night to Push Salvage Campaign

Intensify Drive for Collection of Scrap Metal and Waste Products

An intensive drive for scrap metal and waste products to be collected for diversion into channels for war industry was launched here last night at a meeting of the Salvage-for-Victory Committee held in the agriculture building with about 15 persons present.

School children will be asked to bring scrap metal and waste materials to the schools in each district; and the citizens of the county will concentrate their junk at Roper, Creswell and Plymouth or have it collected and on their yard so that it will be available when trucks call for it.

A steering committee, composed of W. V. Hays, H. H. McLean, J. Linwood Knowles, H. S. Starr and C. N. Davenport, sr., was named to head the permanent campaign; with A. H. Tucker and Mr. Davenport in charge of the work in the Creswell area; H. S. Starr and C. H. Floyd in charge of the work at Roper; and R. B. Trotman and W. S. Moore looking after the collection in Plymouth.

Betty Lloyd, Lillie Moore, W. H. Berry and other colored school officials will have charge of the work here; E. V. Wilkins and James Bias will be in charge of the work in the Roper colored school district; and P. W. Littlejohn and others will be in charge at the colored schools of the Creswell district.

Every citizen is urged to save tin, metal, paper and any waste materials and a plan for collecting the material will be made by the committee in a short time.

Those present at the meeting last night were W. V. Hays, H. H. McLean, co-chairmen of the committee; Mrs. J. B. Willoughby, Mrs. B. G. Campbell, R. B. Trotman, H. S. Starr, C. C. Hardison, C. H. Floyd, J. L. Knowles, W. S. Moore, Mrs. J. K. Reid, W. H. Paramore, Betty Lloyd and Lillie Mae Moore.

Installment Buying Affected by Order Effective March 23

Larger Down Payments To Be Required on Many Household Items

The Federal Regulations Board has ordered into effect on March 23 regulations which will shorten the payment spread of installment buying from 18 to 15 months for all except six household items, increase the minimum down payment on many articles and added seven new ones to the list. Residential modernization, plumbing, furnaces, water heaters, water pumps and pianos were not affected.

Merchants in Washington County, as well as in the rest of the nation, will be obliged, under the new regulations, to get down payments of at least 33 per cent for refrigerators, washing machines, ironers, vacuum cleaners, electric dish washers, room unit air conditioners, sewing machines, radios, phonographs and musical instruments.

Down payments on furnaces, water heaters, water pumps, and plumbing will be raised from 15 to 20 per cent, and on home air conditioning and attic ventilating fans from 15 to 33 per cent.

Bicycles, lawn mowers, silverware, and photographic equipment were added to the list of articles subject to regulation and a one-third down payment is required. Clocks, watches and floor coverings also were added, with a 20 per cent payment required.

Sellers or lenders coming under the new regulations will have until June 1 to register in their district and may operate under a general license meanwhile.

Another change to be effective April 1, provided an optional basis for determining the payments on used automobiles. The maximum credit value must be the lower of two figures—the actual purchase price or the "appraisal guide value" plus taxes. Thus, where the appraisal value exceeds the purchase price, the down payment may be more than the one-third normally required.

Rationing Cards for Sugar Received Here; Details of Plan Later

Bond and Stamp Sales in Schools

A total of \$6,924.75 has been raised in the white and colored schools of Washington County for the purchase of Defense Bonds and Stamps during the last five months, according to H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction in the county.

The white schools at Cherry, Creswell, Roper and Plymouth raised a total of \$5,037.75 of this money, with the colored schools over the county reported sales of \$1,287.

Two schools had not been heard from when Mr. McLean issued his report, including Sound Side and Pritchett, but they are expected to report within the next few days. The Plymouth white school, with \$3,353.40, led all other schools, while the Plymouth colored, with \$836.60 led the colored group.

The figures given represent the actual amount of money put in to bonds and stamps. They do not refer to the maturity value of the bonds, which is about one-fourth more than the cost price.

Firemen to Sponsor Musical Revue Here Friday, March 27th

Seek To Raise Funds for Entertaining Association Here in April

A musical revue will be presented Friday, March 27, at the Plymouth Theatre for the benefit of the Plymouth Fire Department, which will be host to the Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association here sometime in April. Plans have been completed for the production and rehearsals will get underway this week. The show is being planned and directed by Robert B. Trotman, principal of the local schools.

The "Frolics" will consist of two parts, the first a revue featuring songs, dances and comedy, and the second a fashion show, put on by local merchants showing new spring styles. The musical part of the program will include songs of the first and second World Wars.

The cast is made up of the best local talent in this section. Forty young ladies and men will take part and a full two-hour showing will be presented.

Miller Warren and Lawrence D. Jones, officials of the local fire department, are in general charge, and they request that the whole community respond to make the firemen's benefit a success.

Republicans Will Meet Here Friday

Republicans are urged by J. C. Tarkenton, of Pleasant Grove, chairman of the Washington County Republican Executive Committee, to attend the Republican county convention to be held at the courthouse here Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

John Wilkinson, of Belhaven, chairman of the Republican Executive Committee for the first congressional district, has called the district convention to be held here Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, an hour after the county convention is scheduled.

It is expected that delegates to the state convention, district convention and other officials will be elected at the meetings to be held here Friday. Nominations will also be discussed for the various county and district offices at stake in the November general election.

Merchants Launch Move To Get Rid of Unsightly Buildings in Business Area

A movement was launched at the meeting of the Plymouth Merchants Association Monday night looking to improvement of the general attractiveness of the downtown business area of Plymouth, especially on Water and Washington Streets.

The association went on record as asking the town council to bring about removal of buildings that are ill-kept, stating that such action would be in the interest of general attractiveness, health and safety of the general public, as well as eliminating the old buildings, which are regarded as serious fire hazards.

Unless the owners do some-

Registration Likely Throughout County Within Few Weeks

Issuance of Stamps To Be Handled Through Schools

Rationing of sugar was a step nearer with the receipt of rationing cards following by a few days the completion of a population survey by school districts, both white and colored, which has been underway for the last few days, according to H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction, who, with his teaching staff have been arranging the limited use of sugar program.

It is expected that sugar rationing stamps will be made ready for distribution soon after March 15, and representatives of families will register at the elementary schools in their respective districts for their cards.

Instructions on the rationing program are meagre but it is reported that each consumer will be allowed only 8 ounces of sugar per week, instead of 12 ounces, as originally planned. This reduction has been caused by increased losses in shipping caused by Axis attacks on vessels. Each of the ration books will contain 28 stamps, each good for a week's supply of sugar.

The population survey in this county calls for cards for 13,272 persons. The survey is broken down in districts as follows: Plymouth: white, 4,000, colored 2,100; Roper: white 1,507, colored 750; Creswell: white 1,400, colored 612; Cherry: white 760, colored 201; all of the other are colored schools districts including Pritchette 175; Morrattock 193; Brooks 182; Deep Bottom 251; Macedonia 204; Mt. Delane 270; Backwoods 289 and Sound Side 378.

This makes a total of 13,272 persons which is about 1,000 more persons in the county now than were included in the 1940 census which gave the county 12,272 persons. There has been a large increase since the official census was taken.

Serial Numbers for Recent Registrants Assigned This Week

Order Numbers Will Be Determined in National Lottery Tuesday

Serial numbers have been assigned to the close to 700 registrants who added their names to the Selective Service rolls in Washington County in the third national registration on February 16. Order numbers will be determined for the registrants next Tuesday, when the national lottery is held in Washington, D. C.

The order numbers of those registering in the third registration will be added at the end of those in the first two registrations. Each of the new order numbers will be denoted by the prefix "T." Thus, T-1, T-2, and so on down the list. The "T" denotes the third registration.

The national lottery on March 17 in Washington, D. C., will determine the order in which registrants will be sent questionnaires and classified for service. Secretary of War Stimson will draw the first number, after which others will take up the drawing until every number in the bowl is exhausted. The order in which the serial numbers are drawn will be the order in which questionnaires are sent out, men classified, examined and those needed ordered to report for duty.

As in the past, those to whom questionnaires are sent are required to return them properly filled out and signed within five days after they are received by the registrants.

W. Douglas Starr, a native of this county and former teacher of vocational agriculture in the Creswell High School, is working among Farm Security Administration clients in this county for several weeks. He is located at Windsor and is assisting Mr. Dunning and the district supervisor in tenant-purchase work in this county.

Raymond Barber won the Defense Bond in the contest conducted by the Plymouth High School Athletic Association, according to Coach Louis Trunzo. Barber had purchased only one of the 10-cent tickets. The drawing was held last week. Several hundred tickets were sold.

The Plymouth High School Band will stage a parade in the downtown section next Monday afternoon at 3:45, according to Director L. W. Zeliger. The band will be making its first appearance on the streets in several months, due to the inclement weather. A large crowd is expected to be on hand to see the band.

Farmers who want to grow cucumbers this year to have ready cash during the summer can contract with either of two firms. J. E. Phelps, of Roper, is representing the Manhattan Produce Company; and contracts may also be signed with C. C. Lang & Son at Blount's Hardware and Seed Store here or at the plant on Brinkley Avenue.

A survey conducted through the schools of the county gives Washington County a population of 13,272. The 1940 census, conducted by the Bureau of the Census, reports the county population as 12,323. The school survey, conducted by County Superintendent H. H. McLean to determine the number of ration cards needed for sugar allotments, shows an increase since the 1940 census of 949 persons.

John W. Darden, chairman of the Washington County chapter of the Red Cross, said today that a number of people had applied to him to take the course in first aid, and that he would probably arrange for classes to be held for both white and colored people by next week.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown and Fire Chief Miller Warren are attending a Civilian Defense school in Raleigh this week. They spent Tuesday and Wednesday in the Capital City.

All-Albemarle Band Concert To Be Held In Creswell Friday

Nine High School Bands To Be Represented at Event Tomorrow

A list of the membership of the All-Albemarle High School Band, which will give a concert in the Creswell High School auditorium Friday night at 8 p. m., was released for publication today by R. L. Merritt, director of the Creswell High Band, which will be host band to the visiting musicians.

There will be nine high school bands of the Albemarle section represented in the program and concert. There will be about 60 musicians in the band, about 26 of the number coming from high schools in Plymouth, Roper and Creswell.

Director L. W. Zeliger, 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 probably after the concert.

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 Olaviodoti; "Crusader's Overture," by Buchtel; "The Old North State" and the "Star-Spangled Banner."

Names of the membership of the band, with the exception of Edenton, which has not reported, are as follows: Currituck County: Isola Knight, J. W. Flora, Don O'Neal, Mack Jones. Creswell: Iris Spruill, Betty Jean Bateman, Virginia Woodley, Ada Virginia Hopkins, Neva Patrick, Clyde Smithson, Robert Bateman, Billy Bennett.

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Men With Dependents Will Be Given Chance To Secure Army Commissions

The War Department has announced that in the near future Selective Service registrants who have been deferred solely because of dependency will be given an opportunity to qualify as officer candidates by volunteering for induction through Selective Service. It was announced today by State Selective Service headquarters through S. A. Ward, clerk of the Washington County Selective Service Board.

This policy will make it possible for registrants who have dependents to obtain commissions, if they can qualify themselves for

commission, and thereby enable to serve in the armed forces of the nation in this hour of grave emergency, and at the same time take care of their dependents, it was stated.

Pending formulation of procedure with respect to this matter, registrants desiring further information regarding their opportunity to volunteer for this purpose were advised to file their names and addresses with the local board here with Mr. Ward.

Full information will be furnished those interested as soon as it is available, according to Mr. Ward.