

A guest at the Plymouth Country club heard someone prowling about the cars parked there about 1 o'clock Tuesday morning and after frightening the marauder away called police in town. It is believed the prowler was after some of the tires on the parked cars, but the police were unable to find any trace of a culprit.

County Agent W. V. Hays, E. P. Still and A. J. Riddle attended a livestock sale in Suffolk, Va., Monday. Mr. Still bought a 3-year-old Tennessee "walking horse," and Mr. Riddle bought two of the same, one 3 and the other 5 years old. They plan to use the horses in connection with their cattle-raising operations.

A 1937 model Ford sedan, said by Patrolman Tom B. Brown to belong to Grayson Everett, was damaged by fire Sunday while parked on the shoulder of the highway at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton. The blaze also damaged about 25 feet of the hedge belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Tarkenton. Cause of the fire could not be learned here.

Hog prices reached a new high this week, top grades bringing as high as \$15 on the Chicago market. Markets in this section are understood to be paying nearly as much. In one instance this week hogs sold at the farm for \$14.40. The price was said to have eased off a little today.

L. A. (Leroy) Simpson, white, of Route 1, Plymouth, wishes it known that he is not the Roy Simpson charged in recorder's court last week with having more whiskey in his possession than allowed by law.

E. E. Harrell and his brother, Edward, of Newton, who is visiting him here, were called to Rich Square Tuesday by the death of their grandmother, Mrs. Rowena Elliott. Funeral services for Mrs. Elliott, who was 83 years of age, were held at the home there yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Browning and family left Wednesday for an Army camp in Texas to visit Roscoe Browning, who is in training there. They expect to be gone for about 10 days.

Lloyd Gilbert, Hal Williford, T. C. Burgess, Colon Gurkin, E. E. Harrell and brother, Ed Harrell, the latter from Newton, went to Swan Quarter for an all-day fishing trip Monday. They had very good luck for the time of year, catching about 50 trout in addition to other fish.

The town council did not hold its regular meeting Monday night, since Monday was observed as a holiday here, and Mayor B. G. Campbell said yesterday that it was not known when the meeting would be held, as it had been impossible so far to agree on a date suitable to all the council members.

Bill Roebuck, clerk of the local rationing board, after a tough week issuing supplementary sugar allotments for canning, shut up shop last Friday at noon and went to Florida over the week-end. He visited Daytona Beach and saw Melvin H. Boyd, local young man who is being trained as an aviation machinists mate at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station.

E. V. Wilkins, principal of the Roper colored school, is working on plans to give colored selectees a "send-off" entertainment of some kind after their return on their furloughs following induction at Fort Bragg. It will not be staged for a couple of weeks yet, and more complete details are to be announced later.

County Library Open Wednesday Afternoon

Members of the Washington County Library Association, who held their regular meeting Tuesday morning, wish to call to the attention of the public the fact that the library is open every Wednesday afternoon. Due to closing of the stores at noon on Wednesdays, there has been some confusion about the library hours that afternoon.

New books for adults and children are being placed on the shelves of the library every week, and the public is urged to take advantage of the facilities available.

James E. Jethro Post of American Legion To Install New Officers Tomorrow Night

R. L. Tetterton To Be Succeeded by B. G. Campbell as Commander; P. B. Bateman Installing Officer

Recently elected officers will be installed at the regular meeting of the James E. Jethro Post, No. 164, of the American Legion at the legion hall Friday night at 8 o'clock, and every member of the post is urged to attend by Robert L. Tetterton, retiring commander of the post. P. B. Bateman, who was named second district commander at the recent state convention, will be the installing officer. Mr. Bateman succeeds Roy L. Litchfield, of Columbia, as commander for the second district, which includes the counties of Washington, Beaufort, Tyrrell and Hyde.

Officers to be installed at the meeting tomorrow night are as follows: B. G. Campbell, commander; J. R. Carr, first vice commander; Gol-

Fourth of July Week-End Passed Off Very Quietly in Washington County

The Fourth of July holiday period, somewhat "messed up" by the date falling on Saturday, passed off very quietly in Washington county, with no serious accidents or anything of like nature marring the occasion. There were very few arrests made during the holiday week-end, and there was considerably less travel reported than a year ago. The tire and gasoline situation is taking care of serious automobile accidents in a very satisfactory manner, although not all motorists appreciate the fact. Local stores and business establishments, almost without exception, remained open Saturday,

and the rubber salvage parade, band concert and speech by Carl Bailey were the main features of the day. Monday, practically all places of business were closed, with employees and store owners for the most part spending a quiet day at home or at nearby beaches.

There was a large crowd at Albemarle Beach Monday night for the dance, and a number of picnics of various kinds were held there Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. A few people went down to Nags Head for the week-end, but the exodus was nothing like it was in former years.

Over 40,000 Pounds Rubber Collected So Far in Salvage Drive

Two Busses for Selectees Friday

Two busses have been ordered to carry Washington County's largest single quota of selectees to Fort Bragg tomorrow, when 55 colored men are scheduled to report for induction. The busses will leave here at 10:10 a. m. On the 28th, when 50 white men are scheduled to leave, if the full quota is filled, another two busses will likely be called into service to carry them. They are also scheduled to leave here at 10:10 a. m., with a lunch stop indicated at Williamston just 30 minutes later.

In August, the time of departure becomes much earlier. The 55 white men called for on the 13th are scheduled to leave at 7:30 a. m., while the 65 colored selectees on the 26th will be allowed to sleep an hour and a half longer until 9 a. m. The reason for the variations in time of departure is not known.

Legion Will Collect 2,000 Records Here For Men in Service

Will Be Melted Down and Material Used To Make New Records

The local American Legion post and auxiliary are planning to join in the national campaign to collect old phonograph records as a means of providing new records and a permanent supply of good music to men of the armed forces for the duration. The canvass is to be known as "Records for Our Fighting Men." Local people who wish to donate records to this cause are asked to leave them at the office of the city clerk in Plymouth, or to notify any of the legion officers to call for them. The goal of the local post is to collect 2,000 records, while the national goal has been set at 37,500,000 records.

The campaign, beginning July 17 and extending through August 2, has as its goal the collection and salvaging of 37,500,000 old records by American Legion Posts, Auxiliary Units, Forty and Eight Voitures and Sons of the Legion Squadrans. Proceeds from the disposal of the old records as scrap will be used in purchasing new discs and phonograph players, to be sent to every camp, base, post and station wherever there are Americans in uniform.

A non-profit agency, Records For Our Fighting Men, Inc., was organized early in June by Kay Kyser. (See "OLD RECORDS" Page 6)

Will End Saturday; Per Capita Average Is Around 4 Pounds

Parade Last Saturday Was Largely Attended; Need For Scrap Still Great

While the rubber salvage drive in Washington County has not yet come up to the total hoped for, C. E. Ayers, chairman of the petroleum industries committee here, said that over 40,000 pounds have been collected so far, a per capita average of roughly 4 pounds, whereas the average for the state is only 2.75 pounds per person. The drive is being continued through Saturday of this week, and while no great amount is being salvaged this week, filling stations are still receiving small contributions as many who have already turned in some rubber are making a final check to get every possible pound.

The parade last Saturday, while a great success in many ways, did not produce any great amount of rubber; and that, after all, was the main object. The music was good, the bicycle decorations were splendid, a large crowd looked on, and Carl Bailey made a good speech, but very few people took the trouble to bring in any rubber. There is still a disposition on the part of many people to grab all the free entertainment they can get, but they are not willing to lend any cooperation to a patriotic endeavor unless they are paid for it, according to one of the sponsors.

The need for rubber is still very great, and it is hoped that everyone will take a final turn about his premises with the object of finding just a few more stray articles of scrap that were overlooked the first time. They should be delivered to the nearest filling station before Saturday night in order for the county to receive credit for it.

Little Peggy Darden won the first prize of \$5 in war stamps for the best decorated bicycle in the parade last Saturday. Shirley Sexton won the second prize of \$3 in stamps, and Billy Ward Ange won the third award of \$2. Shep Brinkley, who sponsored this feature and gave the prizes, said yesterday that all of the bicycles were attractively decorated and each was worthy of a prize. The children went to a great deal of trouble in making the decorations, and each carried his or her donation of old rubber. "The patriotism displayed by the children was truly something to be proud of," said Mr. Brinkley, who, incidentally, gave out 70 passes to last Saturday's show to those who took part.

Another \$10 in War Stamps will be given away this week-end to the boys and girls who have turned in the most rubber during the salvage drive. The stamps are being given by Mr. Ayers, and are divided as follows: first prize, \$5; second, \$3; and third, \$2.

Full reports on the salvage drive will be available next week, according to Mr. Ayers, who said that the three old distributors here had collected the following amounts up to last Saturday: John Swinson, 12,400 pounds; Plymouth Oil Company, 8,400 pounds; and C. E. Ayers, 12,500 pounds. There is still some rubber at filling stations down the county which has not been collected. Up to last Saturday, about 10,000 pounds had come from that section.

American Flag Now Flies Over Town Market Here

"Old Glory" now flies from a flag staff on top of the city market building here. The staff was erected by Chief of Police P. W. Brown and the town crew of workmen last week, and the flag was flown for the first time from there last Friday. The market building being at the foot of Washington Street, the flag can thus be seen for a long way down Highway 64, and it is a patriotic note that can hardly be missed by travelers going north through Plymouth.

Record Draft Calls This Month Below Those For August

Quotas Call for 55 White Men on 13th, 65 Colored 26th Next Month

With 55 colored men leaving for Fort Bragg tomorrow morning, and 50 white men scheduled to follow July 28, the local draft board has received another knockout blow in the form of two August calls, the first for 55 white men on August 13th; and the next for 65 colored men on August 25th. Filling these quotas will constitute an almost impossible task, it was indicated by conversations with some of the local board members.

The board held its regular weekly meeting Tuesday night, classifying about 40 men who registered in the third registration last February. Of the 40 men classified, 6 colored and 9 white men were placed in class 1, subject to physical examination. The board members also heard several appeals from classifications previously made, but only one change was made. Henry Secora Gurganus was changed from 1-A to 2-A, with the understanding that he would revert back to the 1-A class December 1st, after his farm crops are harvested.

Coming back to the two August calls, this is presenting a knotty problem for the draft board. No orders have been received here for further reclassifying married men with dependents acquired before December 7th.

While some married men have been reclassified and placed in class 1-A, they were those whose wives were not considered absolutely dependent on them or else they acquired dependents after December 7, when the Japanese attacked American possessions.

All of the 1-A men from the first and second registrations will likely be called up for service in the two calls this month, which means that the August calls will largely be filled by the men who registered February 16 in the third registration. Men over 45, who registered in the fourth registration, are not subject to military service under present laws, and neither are those who registered last month in the fifth registration. No instructions have been received yet to call up even those who have reached 20 years of age and who registered in the fifth registration.

It is understood that 1-B men are being called up in other counties in this section, but the board here has not been instructed to this effect, although they expect to have 1-B men called for in the September quotas. However, this is pure speculation at this time, as no definite instructions have been received.

Funeral Monday for Mrs. Ernest Phelps

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of her parents for Mrs. Ernest Phelps, who died Sunday morning. Her pastor, the Rev. L. B. Bennett was in charge of the last rites. Interment was made in the family cemetery.

In addition to her husband, Ernest Phelps, she is survived by one son, Ralph; two daughters, Ernestine and Beulah; two brothers, Jacob Langley and William Langley, of Berkeley, Va.; six sisters, Mrs. Seaton Phelps, of Roper; Mrs. Andrew Arnold, of Plymouth; Miss Frances Clifton, of Berkeley, Va.; Mrs. Thomas Davis, of Norfolk; Mrs. Jesse Spruill, Portsmouth; Miss Maxine Langley, Creswell.

During the service "Will the Circle Be Unbroken," "Never Grow Old," "Have Thine Own Way," "Asleep in Jesus," and "We Are Going Down the Valley," were sung.

War Stamps Good For Movie Friday

In an effort to stimulate the sale of War Savings Bonds in general, and War Stamps in particular, Shep Brinkley, owner of the Plymouth Theatre, is planning a "Stamp matinee" here tomorrow morning at 10 a. m., when a special show will be put on with admission to be paid by buying a War Saving Stamp.

Members of the theatre's "force" are donating their time. Mr. Brinkley is donating use of the theatre and equipment and a film company is donating the pictures to be shown. It will be an hour and a half show, composed of cartoons and patriotic shorts. Admission will be by War Stamps only, bought at the box office, with the patron to keep the stamp; thus making the show cost exactly nothing. Incidentally, the Plymouth Theatre sold some \$6,000 worth of bonds last month, and up to yesterday had sold \$125 worth of bonds and \$320 worth of stamps this month.

Gasoline Rationing Registration Is Underway Throughout County Today, Tomorrow and Saturday

Nearly 200 Attend Barbecue by Farm Bureau Last Night

Held at Albemarle Beach; Several State Bureau Officials Present

Nearly 200 members of the Washington County Farm Bureau and their guests attended a barbecue at Albemarle Beach late yesterday afternoon and last night, County Agent W. V. Hays stating this morning that 185 persons were served. Everyone had all the Bob Melton barbecue he could eat and all the lemonade he could drink; in fact the gallonage of the latter was so great that it is understood Rationing Board Chairman W. L. Whitley is considering an investigation of the source of the sugar used for "sweetenin'."

In addition to partaking of the barbecue, the assembled farmers heard Flake Shaw, executive secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, discuss farm problems in general, including legislation dealing with the present farm program and legislation designed to protect farm prices. Joe Williams, field representative of the state federation, and Messrs. Estes and Lawhorn, officials of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange, also made brief talks.

J. Roy Manning, president of the county unit, said that there were now 85 members of the farm bureau in Washington County, about 10 of whom joined at the barbecue yesterday. The total now is more than double that of any previous year, and an even stronger county unit is expected to be developed in the next few months. The Farm Bureau Federation has had considerable influence in securing legislation beneficial to farmers generally, especially in the National Capital, and this fact is reflected in a steady membership gain.

Final Rites Held for W. E. H. Harrington

Funeral services were held last Saturday afternoon at the late home for William Edward Harvey Harrington, 65, who died as a result of a stroke of paralysis Friday night at 8 o'clock. Mr. Harrington had been in declining health for about six months. The services were conducted by the Belhaven Methodist minister and interment was made in the Asbury cemetery.

Mr. Harrington was a native of Belhaven, where he was born on November 14, 1876. He farmed most of his life, coming to this county about three years ago from Washington. He lived on the Darden farm, about 12 miles from Plymouth on the Long Acre Road. He was a member of the Belhaven Methodist church.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Ada Waters Harrington, he is survived by six daughters, Miss Edna Harrington, of the home place; Mrs. Cassie Davidson, of Plymouth R. F. D.; Mrs. Cottie Squares, of Plymouth; Mrs. Raymond Duff, of Aurora; Mrs. Elizabeth Tetterton, of Pantego; Mrs. Lillian Davis, of Plymouth; and one son, Ervin Harrington, of Washington, N. C.

Station Near Roper Is Burned Monday

The seven-room frame dwelling and filling station owned by Sidney Herrington, located about three miles below Roper on Highway 64, was totally destroyed by fire Monday afternoon about 4:30 p. m. Mr. Herrington and members of his family were away from home at the time, and the origin of the fire has not been determined. It was discovered by passers-by along the highway, and the blaze had gained such headway before an alarm was given that it was impossible to save anything.

Mr. Herrington said that the family lost all of their furniture, practically all of their clothing and about \$90 in cash, in addition to the building. The total loss is variously estimated up to \$5,000 or \$6,000, only partially covered by insurance.

Rubber Picture at Lions Meet Here Next Week

At the regular meeting of the local Lions Club Thursday night of next week, July 16, a motion picture showing highlights of synthetic rubber development by the Standard Oil Company will be shown and an explanation given by G. F. Ball, special representative of the firm. The hour for the meeting is 7 p. m., and a full attendance is urged. In addition to discussing synthetic rubber and its possibilities, Mr. Ball will also give advice on prolonging the life of tires now in use.

AT WEST POINT



J. C. Gatlin, Jr., son of Mrs. Alice M. Gatlin, of Creswell, and J. C. Gatlin, of Wilson, left last week for the United States Military Academy at West Point, to which he was appointed by Representative Herbert Bonner during the spring. Young Gatlin graduated from Creswell High School in 1941 and attended Oak Ridge Military Institute during the past term.

Levi Jacob Spear Died Last Saturday At His Home Here

Had Been Merchant Here For Number Years; Was Native of Creswell

Levi Jacob Spear, 67, died at his home on West Main Street here last Saturday morning after a period of declining health that extended over the past three years, although he was confined to his bed only for about three weeks. A well-known merchant, Mr. Spear came here about 25 years ago from Edenton. Bright's Disease was given as the cause of his death.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spear, Mr. Spear was born in Creswell on January 16, 1875. After leaving the county he settled in Edenton, returning to Plymouth about 25 years ago. He was a member of the Christian church.

Funeral services were held at Phillips Christian church Sunday afternoon by the Rev. B. E. Taylor, pastor of the Plymouth Christian church. Interment followed in the Mountain Hill Cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Claudia Spear, to whom he was married about 46 years ago.

Tire Certificates Issued Last Week

The Washington County Rationing Board issued certificates for tire and tube purchases and recaps last Thursday night to the following: Ell Winesett, beekeeper, of Plymouth; two truck tires and tubes; Dr. W. H. Harrell, physician, of Creswell, tire and tube;

Charlie Bowen, farmer, of Plymouth, two obsolete tires and tubes.

Mrs. Lillian Swain, farmer, of Roper, two recaps;

F. E. Cleveland, star route mail carrier, of Plymouth, one tire and tube and one recap;

H. E. Clifton, farmer, of Creswell, two recaps for truck.

Revival Service in Progress At Mt. Elmo M. E. Church

Creswell.—Revival services began at Mount Elmo Methodist church Monday of this week and will continue through Sunday, July 12, with services each night, it was announced by the Rev. R. N. Flits, pastor, who is in charge. The public is cordially invited to attend.

One-Week Term of July Superior Court To Convene Here Next Monday Morning

Judge Clawson Williams, of Sanford, Will Preside; Few Criminal or Civil Cases Scheduled To Be Tried

The July term of Washington County Superior Court will convene here Monday morning, with Judge J. Clawson Williams, of Sanford, scheduled to preside. It is a one-week mixed term, and the present outlook is that the whole session will be very brief, as there are few cases of importance set for the week. Monday has been set aside for trial of criminal cases, but so far as a few minor cases on the docket. Seven civil cases are set for Tuesday and two for Wednesday, with motions to be heard any time at the pleasure of the court. The calendar of civil cases follows: Tuesday, July 14: Katherine Ambrose vs. Raymond W. Ambrose; Ruth Graxiola vs. Robert Graxiola; M. J. Spruill vs. Hulda Spruill; N. H. Harrison vs. Gertrude A. Darden et al.; N. H. Harrison vs. Nava C. Darden, et al.; Alice B. Sexton vs. J. C. Sexton; L. B. Belcher vs. P. W. Stillman. Wednesday, July 15: Washington County vs. Norfolk Southern Land Company (two cases).

Only Two Types of Cards Are Issued at Registration Places

Work Going Forward Very Smoothly Here This Morning

The registration for gasoline rationing under the permanent program, which becomes effective July 22, began this morning at three points in Washington County, and indications are that by nightfall Saturday, practically every person will have secured his basic A or D card and learned the "bad news," which will really effect a considerable reduction in both necessary and unnecessary automobile driving during the coming months.

The hours for registration today, tomorrow and Saturday in Plymouth, Roper and Creswell are from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. The work was going along very smoothly here, with Mrs. Leta Liverman in charge. The registration is being held in the courtroom at the courthouse. C. H. Floyd is in charge at Roper, where the registration is taking place in the schoolhouse. At Creswell, the registration is also being held in the school building, with A. H. Tucker in charge.

Only two types of cards, basic A for passenger cars and basic D for motorcycles, are being issued at the registration places. Application blanks for supplementary allotments are available at the registration places, but these applications must be filled out and submitted to the rationing board later.

Most of the applicants are "ordinary passenger car operators" and they are being issued A books, which provide 48 coupons, worth 4 gallons of gas each, and good for a year's supply of gasoline. All the applicant has to do is present his auto registration card, affirm that he has bought his U. S. auto sticker, and sign a simple application blank. He gets the A card on the spot. The same procedure is followed for ordinary motorcycle operators, who are given D books.

Passenger car operators who cannot perform essential travel with an A book allotment may apply for a B or C book, after receiving the basic A card, if they can comply with the specific regulations and if their applications are approved by the rationing board. Application forms for the B and C books are available at the registration sites, but the registrars are not to help the motorists fill out the blanks at this time.

Operators of trucks, buses, taxis, and operators of more than four cars for business and other commercial vehicles will apply between July 9 and July 22 to local rationing boards for "S" books. It was stated that while S application blanks would be available at the registration sites, they would not be accepted there, since the registrars have not been trained in filling out the applications. "S" book applicants should file their forms with the local rationing board, giving complete information about the mileage of these vehicles.

Operators of boats will register at the local War Price and Rationing Boards between July 9 and 22 for the E and R books—for non-highway use of gasoline. Operators of farm machinery and other engines not used on the highways will also register before boards, not at the courthouse and schoolhouse sites, for E and R coupon books.

General rules for those seeking gasoline allotments are as follows: All you need to do to get an A card is to go to the registration site with your auto registration card and to have bought your Federal windshield sticker. Anyone may register for you as your agent, but must have the registration card. Do not ask for any book at the registration sites except for A or D. To get other classes of coupon books, complete information about mileage and other circumstances of need must be furnished. (See "GAS RATIONING" Page 6)