

Sheriff Reid and Deputies Capture and Destroy Couple of Stills Last Sunday

Sunday may be a day of rest, but Sheriff J. K. Reid can testify differently about last Sunday. To begin with, it was a hot day out in the sun; but when the sheriff wound up the day's activities, he had a record of two arrests made and two complete illicit liquor stills discovered and destroyed.

which was still hot when the raiding officers arrived. Then he came on back out to the highway and picked up a negro for drunkenness just to round out the day. Both of the stills were located in the Skimmersville section, about a mile apart. No whiskey was found, but about 500 gallons of "meal tea," or mash, nearly ready for "running," was poured out and the containers destroyed.

IN PACIFIC AREA



The above snapshot of David A. Hurlley, Jr., of Plymouth, was taken in Hawaii on Saturday, December 6, 1941. In a recent letter to The Beacon, enclosing the photo, young Hurlley says it has a bit of historic interest for him, since it was taken just before the Japanese attack on Sunday. "And," he goes on, "I assure you that December 7th will always be one of the greatest thrills of my life, and I'll never forget it if I should live to be a million."

25 Out of 53 Colored Selectees from Here Rejected by Army

28 Who Were Accepted Are Now Back Home for Brief Furlough

Twenty-eight of the 53 colored selectees who left here for induction into the Army at Fort Bragg last week were accepted, while the other 25 were rejected, it was learned today from S. A. Ward, clerk to the county selective service board. Practically all of the men have returned, those who were accepted being directed to return in about two weeks, while those who were rejected are presumably back home to stay. Rejections were based on physical or literacy disqualifications.

Following is the list of the 28 men who were accepted by the Army and who will return to begin training within two weeks:

From Plymouth: James Lewis Nichols, Noah Stallings Blount, Roster Pittman Lucas, Mack White, Goliath Blount, Jr., Berthel Woolard, Calvin James, George Monroe Smith, Robert Louis Hunter, Johnny Mack Skinner, John August James, George Henry Heckstall, Ernest Johnson, Jr., William Harrison Miller, Floyd Armistead, Cary Brown, Jr., Peter Hallet Bell, Jr., Richard Lee Becton, Huey Lee Brown, James Alfred Alexander, and Joe Hassell Boyd.

From Roper: David Lee Davenport, Walter Mann, Douglas Walker, William Bardback King, Miles Huley Norman, James Henry Simpson.

From Creswell: Irving Bennett Honable.

The 25 men rejected are as follows: From Plymouth: Rudolph Ransom, Robert Chesson, Elmo Camp, Hermon Spruill, Clarence Barnes, James Garfield Blount, Clarence Johnson, Phillip Alexander, Benjamin Franklin Cobb, Ernest James, Samuel Wynn, Joe Mack Pettiford.

From Roper: Leroy Trafton, Joe Willie Norman, John Henry Norman, Ernest Lee Johnson, Willie Lee Dixon, Dennis Cox, Andrew Lee Patric. From Creswell: Clyde Smith, John Littlejohn, Jr., William Frere Jones, Willie Anton Baum, Willie Roosevelt Treadwell.

Colored Selectees To Be Honored Friday Night of Next Week

Prominent Speakers of Both Races To Take Part; at New Chapel Church

The Washington County Colored Publicity and Morale Committee, a branch of the Civilian Defense Council, is planning an entertainment in honor of the colored selectees from the county. It will consist of a program at New Chapel Baptist church in Plymouth, followed by a supper at the Masonic Hall Friday night of next week, July 25, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. This will be the first in a series of such entertainments planned for the selectees, and the next one will be given at Roper at the Clemmons High School, followed by another one later to be given at Creswell. It is planned to have prominent speakers of both races on all the programs.

Following is a list of names of persons who have contributed \$1 each toward defraying the expenses of the entertainments. Another such list will be published as the contributions continue to be received:

Lawyer W. M. Darden, members of 356-A, colored local union, Clyde Wynn, Roscoe Hudson, John Henry Moore, Charlie Stovall, W. R. Downing, Walter Scott, R. W. Woodley, Abraham McNaair, Isaac Grimes, George Cephas, Utah Gaylord, Dave Bryant, E. V. Wilkins, Luke Mann, Thomas Wilkins, Freeman Clark, W. H. Bullock, Charlie L. Davenport, W. M. Hulston, Samson Heath, Mrs. J. J. Clemmon, Whittie C. Witherspoon, Preston Bell, Johnnie Davenport, D. L. Freeman, H. C. Boyd, William Gabel, J. H. Satterthwaite, Milton Cox, T. L. Wilkins, P. A. Toadie, Henry Simmons, J. J. Johnson, L. S. Mitchell, Lancelot Fagan, W. W. Walker, James Watkins, Jimmy Clark, Rev. Winborne, Lawyer P. H. Bell, George Smith, Willie Spruill, Minnie Freeman, Milton Gaylord.

School Opening Dates Not Fixed

Despite rumors of early school opening this year, H. H. McLean, county superintendent of schools, said today that opening dates for Washington county schools had not yet been discussed by the board of education. It is presumed that the date will be decided at the next meeting of the board. It is understood that Beaufort County school will open the term this year on August 4th, and rumors have also been heard that Nash County schools will open early in August. Considerable opposition is said to have developed to the early starting in Beaufort County, with petitions being circulated in some sections protesting the action.

Ration Board Issuing Gas Cards for Trucks In County This Week

Quality Is Low in Gas Ration Books

While recognized to be very valuable, the A-type gasoline rationing books are apparently of inferior quality. Some of the little coupon or stamp books have already started to coming to pieces; and, since they are supposed to last for a whole year, the owners are urged to pin them together or call at almost any business office and have the sheets stapled together. Motorists are warned that if the books are mutilated, destroyed or lost they cannot be replaced. The loss of a rationing book is little different from losing money. And it is pretty generally known that the government does not make a practice of replacing paper money when it is lost or destroyed.

Follows Issuance of A Books Last Week For Passenger Cars

Truck Owners Who Have Filed Applications Can Now Get Cards

Registration for the permanent gasoline rationing program went off very smoothly in the county last week, but up to this morning the rationing board office here did not have a complete tabulation of the number of A and D cards issued at the three registration places. A total of 701 cards were issued in Plymouth, 697 A books and 4 D books. Reports had not been received from the registration sites at Roper and Creswell. The basic A books were issued to owners of passenger cars, while the basic D books went to motorcycle owners. They were the only types issued at the registration places last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

W. A. Roebuck, clerk to the local rationing board, said this morning that the board had already considered all the applications filed so far by truck owners, and he advises those who have filed such applications to call at the offices and receive their S-books. Each truck owner is required to bring his registration card so that the serial number of the rationing book can be entered on the back of it. Positively no books will be issued unless the registration card is presented.

The local board started considering applications for trucks and pickups Tuesday night and continued its work Wednesday night, completing all those on hand. The ration books issued were based on information contained in the applications and the allotments issued were for 8 and 12 months. No books were issued for gas rations for less than eight months.

The board will next take up the applications for gasoline for non-highway use, including boats, tractors, and amounts used for any other purpose such as miscellaneous cleaning, and the like. No applications for supplementary allotments of gasoline for passenger cars will be considered until after Wednesday of next week, July 22, when the rationing program goes into effect. A number of applications for B and C books are pending, but they will not be considered until after all other types have been passed on by the board, it was said by the clerk today.

Moore Gets Ensign Commission in Navy

W. S. Moore, agriculture teacher at the Plymouth High School for the past four years, recently received a commission as ensign in the United States Navy and will leave Wednesday or Thursday of next week for Northwestern University at Chicago, where he will enter upon a two-month indoctrination course before being assigned to active duty. He is to report at the university on July 27. Mrs. Moore, a registered nurse employed at the Plymouth Clinic, plans to remain in Plymouth and continue her work here. In addition to his duties as agriculture teacher in the local schools, Mr. Moore was instructor in shop work. He successor has not been named.

Mr. Moore has made many friends during his four years here, and they regret to see him leave Plymouth. Mrs. Moore has four brothers already in the service and her husband makes the fifth member of her immediate family to enter the armed forces of the nation.

Superior Court Session This Week One of Shortest on Record; Convened Monday and Adjourned Before Noon Next Day

Judge Richard D. Dixon, of Edenton, Presides for First Time Here; Not Single Criminal Case for Trial

Washington County had one of its shortest sessions of superior court in years this week. Scheduled as a one-week term for the trial of both criminal and civil cases, the court convened Monday morning, disposed of the few cases which came before it and adjourned for the term before noon Tuesday. Judge Richard D. Dixon, of Edenton, presided over his first term in this county, exchanging with Judge Clawson Williams, of Sanford, who was originally scheduled to be here. There were no presentments and hence no grand jury was selected. Judge Dixon was thereby deprived of making the traditional grand jury charge. A number of those called for jury service were excused, while others made up the juries used in deciding several divorce actions.

On the criminal docket, cases were continued against Jethro Bonner, C. Edley Hutchins, S. B. Davenport, and Dennis Cahoon. Most of the civil cases on the calendar were likewise continued, except the following: Mrs. Carrie Holloman was granted a restraining order directed against R. L. Holloman, forbidding him from interfering with or molesting her or her property in any manner. Mrs. Katherine Ambrose was granted a divorce from Raymond W. Ambrose, on grounds of adultery. Mrs. Alice B. Sexton was granted a divorce from J. C. Cexton on grounds of statutory period of separation. Mrs. Ruth Graxiola was granted a divorce from Robert Graxiola on grounds of separation. Mrs. Graxiola was also given permanent custody of their child.

Get 51,289 Pounds of Old Rubber in County During Salvage Drive

Work Underway At Peanut Plant

J. E. Davenport announced this week that priority requirements for new machinery to be used in the peanut plant here had been met and that shipment of the needed equipment had been promised in the near future. In the meantime, work is going ahead on cleaning up such equipment in the plant as will be used, and it is hoped to have the entire mill ready for operation by the time the current peanut crop reaches the market.

Mr. Davenport says it is planned to enlarge and increase the capacity of the plant if possible; but that there is some doubt about this being accomplished, due to the difficulty in securing priorities and the additional machinery which would be required.

Approximately 4.25 Pounds Per Capita, According to Ayers

County Average Considerably Above State Average at Last Reports

While Washington County may not be at the top of the list in per capita collection of scrap rubber in the salvage campaign which ended last Saturday night, it certainly will not be at the bottom, according to figures reported by C. E. Ayers, chairman of the petroleum industries committee for this county, who was in active charge of the drive. According to Mr. Ayers' report, the total collection in Washington County was 51,289 pounds, or approximately 4.25 pounds per capita.

According to recent published reports, the state average was roughly 2.75 pounds per person, which would indicate that Washington County is 1 1/2 pounds per person above the state average. Mr. Ayers was well pleased with the results of the campaign and expressed his appreciation to all who helped in any way to make it a success.

Mr. Ayers was working in cooperation with the salvage committee of the county Civilian Defense Council, of which H. H. McLean and W. V. Hays are co-chairmen. Another organization taking a leading part in the rubber collection campaign was the U. S. Department of Agriculture War Board for the county. The amount of rubber collected through the three oil distributors in Plymouth was as follows: C. E. Ayers, 23,296 pounds; John Swinson, 15,245 pounds; and Leigh Winslow, 12,748 pounds.

Winners of the three war stamps prizes offered to boys and girls who turned in the most rubber have not yet been announced.

Billy Davidson Sets Record In Aerial Machine Gunnery

Billy Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davidson here, recently made the highest score in aerial gunnery ever recorded at the Naval Air Station at Miami, Fla., where he is in training to become a Naval aviator. Young Davidson is receiving his advanced training and was flying a fast Navy pursuit ship at the time he hung up the record.

Judge Dixon Says County Exceptionally Law-Abiding

Judge Richard Dillard Dixon, of Edenton, who held court here this week for the first time since he was appointed special judge, called at The Beacon office Tuesday to express his congratulations to Washington County for being such a law-abiding community. Not a single criminal case was tried in superior court, which Judge Dixon said was remarkable, especially since this was the first criminal term of court in six months.

Negro Drowned in River Near Creswell

Creswell.—John Henry Blount, colored, 28 years of age, was drowned in Scuppernon River, near Creswell, last Sunday while in bathing. Blount left his home near the river about 9 o'clock, telling friends of the family that he was going for a bath. He did not return during the day, but nothing was thought of his absence until his sister, enroute home by way of the bridge, from Creswell about 7 p. m., noticed his hat on the water. She reported this at their home, and a searching party, including his brother, went to look for him. His body was recovered about 10 p. m. The young negro was subject to fits, and it is thought that he suffered one while in the water or, unconscious from one while on the diving board, fell overboard.

Funeral Wednesday At Creswell for Miss Loula M. Davenport

Daughter of Hoyt R. Davenport Died Monday at Sanitorium

Creswell.—Funeral services for Miss Loula Mae Davenport, 21, who died Monday afternoon at the State Sanitorium, Sanitorium, N. C., were conducted at Scuppernon Christian church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. L. B. Bennett, assisted by the Rev. S. B. Wilson, officiated, and interment was made in the church cemetery. Music for the service was furnished by Philippi Christian church.

Miss Davenport, daughter of H. R. Davenport, and the late Mrs. Davenport, graduated from Creswell High School in 1938. Following her graduation, she started a business course, which was interrupted by the state of her health. Before her last relapse a few months ago, she was a student at Kings Business College, in Raleigh, and also held an office position in that city. A very attractive young lady, ambitious, radiating a pleasing personality and sunny disposition, she had a host of friends wherever she went who were saddened by her passing. Until a week before she died, she entertained relatives and friends with mirth and cheer despite the seriousness of her condition.

Besides her father and her stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Davenport, she is survived by two brothers, Dennis Davenport, of San Diego, Calif and Lieut. J. H. Davenport, of Macon, Ga.; two half-sisters, Norma and Nita Grace Davenport; her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Patrick; and her paternal grandfather, S. R. Davenport.

Pall-bearers were uncles of the deceased, Earl Davenport, Leon Davenport, McCoy Davenport, Ernest Davenport, and Tom White, of Creswell; and Dewitt Davenport, of Norfolk.

Newberry Building, One Of Oldest Here, Is Razed

Another Plymouth landmark bit the dust this week, when the old Newberry store building on Water Street here was torn down. In a dilapidated condition for the past few years, the old one-story frame building was removed because it constituted a fire hazard. The property on which it is located belonged to Mrs. W. H. Hampton.

The old building was said by some to be upwards of 100 years old, while others say it was one of the first structures erected on Water Street around 1870 or 1871, sometime after the disastrous fire which wiped out the business section.

Use Stamp No. 7 For Sugar Bonus

Sugar ration stamp No. 7 can now be used to buy the extra two-pound "bonus" allotment of sugar authorized recently by the Office of Price Administration. The stamp became valid July 10 and may be used until midnight of August 22nd. The sugar purchasable with stamp No. 7 is in addition to the regular rations provided by stamps Nos. 5 and 6. No. 5, also good for a 2-pound sugar purchase, may be used until midnight of July 25, after which stamp No. 6 may be used until midnight of August 22.

Although reports from Raleigh state that application blanks for bicycles under the rationing program have been mailed to local boards, W. A. Roebuck, clerk, said that the board here had not received them up to today, and he has no information yet as to who is eligible to apply for the bikes. This county has a quota of 8 for the month of July.

Major Thomas U. assistant to the state director and chief of the manpower division of the Selective Service System, of Raleigh, was a visitor at the office of the local selective service board Thursday afternoon.

Fred W. Bateman, who volunteered in the United States Coast Guard last spring, is now stationed at New London, Conn., where he is attending the Coast Guard Academy.

Washington County is a long way from reaching its quota of bond sales during July, according to local reports. The bank here, up to today, has sold about \$4,500 worth, while sales at the post office total about \$2,500. This makes a total of \$7,000, while the quota for the month is \$37,800.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barden spent last week in Williamsburg and Norfolk, Va., with relatives and friends. Mr. Barden, who is office manager for the House Chevrolet Company, was on his vacation.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown said today that dog taxes for the year beginning July 1 are now due, and he asks owners of all dogs to pay them immediately. Those who fail to pay the tax within a reasonable period of time are subject to fine.

Moye W. Spruill was recently appointed a special agent of the Shenandoah Life Insurance Company, of Roanoke, Va., for the Plymouth territory, the appointment being made by Harvey C. Roberts, supervisor, of Rocky Mount.

Although Washington County is presumed to have a quota for the USO fund, no information is available here as to the amount, the chairman, or any other particulars. Several men were tentatively approached about the chairmanship, but they declined to serve, and it is not known whether the appointment was ever made.

Dr. and Mrs. Ivan W. Brown, of Durham, who visited Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Davis, here for the past week, have returned to their home. Dr. Brown reports to Fort Bragg this week to receive his commission as first lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps.

Sale of the Federal use-tax stamps for automobiles and trucks through the local post office totaled 850 up to Tuesday of this week. This is more than 100 greater than the number of stamps sold early in the year, when the law became effective. Since it was necessary to prove ownership of the stamp before gasoline cards were issued at the registration last week, it is presumed that most car owners now have the stamps.

In reporting the August draft calls last week, an error was made in the date of the colored call. It was reported as August 25th, when as a matter of fact it should have been Thursday, August 27th. Fifty-five white men have been called to leave Thursday, August 13th, while the 65 colored men will leave August 27th.

Shep Brinkley, owner of the Plymouth Theatre, this week started out on a one-man house-to-house campaign to sell War Savings Bonds, and in the first two hours sold \$1,000 worth of bonds. He plans to continue this work, and stated today that he believed a large amount of bonds could be sold in that manner if the entire county was organized and volunteers secured to really go to work at it.

Headquarters of State Selective Service Orders All Registrants Divided into Four Categories Before Calls Filled in Future

Single Men in First Two Categories, Subject To Call Before Married Men; Men With Children Last

State headquarters of Selective Service has announced that all North Carolina local boards have been advised of the adoption by Congress of a policy which provides that registrants be separated into categories and that all registrants in each category be selected for induction before any registrant in the succeeding category is selected. The four broad categories are as follows:

- Category one: Single men with no dependents.
Category two: Single men with dependents.
Category three: Married men who do not have children but who maintain a bona fide relationship in their homes with their wives, provided marriage took place prior to December 8, 1941, and at a time when selection was not imminent.
Category four: Registrants who with their wives and children, or

with their children alone, maintain a bona fide family relationship in their homes, provided marriage took place prior to December 8, 1941, and at a time when selection was not imminent. Local boards in North Carolina have all been advised that they should fill their July and subsequent calls in accordance with this policy, if possible. But the boards have also been advised that the national interest requires that all calls to meet the manpower requirements of the armed forces must be filled on schedule. If any local board does not have a sufficient number of single 1-A men available to fill its call, it has been authorized to depart from the general rule of priority and use married men who ordinarily might be expected to be in category 3, if such departure is necessary to meet said call.