

J. Roy Manning, president of the Washington County Farm Bureau, is appealing to sportsmen to bring in at least one more deer and a big bunch of squirrels for the Armistice Day good-fellowship dinner here.

A fire at the home of Emma Jenkins, colored, 4th and Monroe streets, called out the fire department Wednesday morning. A few shingles were scorched, but the damage was slight, firemen reported.

Quite a number of local sportsmen went to the Mattamuskeet Lake section Monday for the opening of the waterfowl shooting season, but the weather was "too good" and, so far as learned, not a goose was bagged. One party got a few ducks, while two other men called off the goose hunt and collected 15 squirrels on the way home.

Mrs. W. S. (Bill) Davenport and little daughter, Betty Blount, left Monday for San Francisco, Calif., where they will join Mr. Davenport, who is attending the Navy Radio Material School at Treasure Island.

Emmett S. Harrison, of Huntington, W. Va., was in Plymouth last week, the guest of his uncle, G. H. Harrison, of Washington Street. It has been 12 years since he was last in his old home town, and he said he enjoyed greeting his old friends and seeing once familiar places again. He returned home Monday.

Commander B. G. Campbell, of the local American Legion post, has summoned Legionnaires to assemble in front of the Legion Hall Sunday morning at 10:30 so they may march in a body to Grace Episcopal church, where they have been invited to attend a special Armistice Day service at 11 o'clock.

P. M. Arps and Lloyd Owens went geese and duck hunting last Sunday and Monday and are said to have had fairly good success in their efforts to introduce wild game into their home larders.

Marvin Spruill and Bailey Felts, of the New Land community near Roper, were visitors in Plymouth last Thursday. They report deer plentiful on that range and at least ten killed by various hunters recently. One of them is being kept on ice for the Farmers Good Fellowship dinner on Armistice Day, they said.

James Bell, a brother of Mrs. Z. V. Norman, had the role of a Hollywood producer in the movie, "Holiday Inn," which was at the Plymouth Theatre last Thursday and Friday. The picture featured Bing Crosby in song and Fred Astaire in dancing.

Recall Summons to 8 Colored Selectees

Orders were sent out Wednesday cancelling the summons of 8 of the 60 colored selectees ordered to report to the local draft board Friday morning, November 6, to go to Fort Bragg for examination and possible induction into the army. They were deferred for cause, it was stated, but will be summoned later. The eight are:

Willie Lee, Charlie Bell, Jr., Willie Bert Lloyd and Ben Frank Rhodes, of Plymouth; James Clark, Ralph Cox and Charlie Lewis Davenport, of Roper; and William Myers, of Creswell. The other 52 are still expected to leave as scheduled tomorrow morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ward Lose Two-Month-Old Son

Allen Rudolph Ward, two-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ward, died last Sunday morning at 2:30 o'clock at the home of his parents on Brinkley Avenue after an illness of about three weeks. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by the Rev. O. L. Hardwick, pastor of the Methodist church. Burial was in the Everett cemetery at Robersonville.

The boy was born on August 26 in Martin County. He is survived by his father and mother and a twin sister, Shirley Virginia Ward. His father came here from Norfolk, Va., and his mother was Virginia Everett Ward, of Martin County.

If Squirrels and Hunters Hold Out, One Farmer Has Solved His Labor Problem

Farm labor is a pressing problem in this section, but Dennis Chesson, farmer of the Pleasant Grove section, may have solved it eminently satisfactorily, on a temporary basis, at least. He has no patent on the idea, and farmers in the county may get the germ of a suggestion from his action.

The way it is told here, Mr. Chesson caught a couple of local squirrel hunters on his posted property one day early in the week. He was harvesting sweet potatoes at the time; and, being

610,019 Pounds Scrap Metal Collected By Schools of County During October

The Washington County scrap metal army of school children and their friends gathered 610,019 pounds during October. Most of it has been weighed and disposed of to agencies which transport it to centers designated by the government, some going to Norfolk, Va., and some to Rocky Mount. A small portion of the weight was estimated by Scrap Metal Chairman H. H. McLean and several assistants.

New Low In Political Interest Reflected by County Vote Tuesday

War Bond Sales Again Top Quota

War Bond sales in Plymouth alone during October reached a total of \$29,450. H. E. Beam, Washington County Chairman for War Bond sales, reports. This is almost twice the entire county's quota of \$16,500 for the month. No report has yet been received of October sales at Roper and Creswell, Mr. Beam stated.

Final Rites Tuesday For Mrs. Jack Hill

Mrs. Betty Ruth Browning Hill, the wife of Jack Hill, died at her home here at 2 o'clock Monday morning, following one week's illness with what was diagnosed as Landry's disease, caused by poliomyelitis. Private funeral services were conducted last Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Horner Funeral Home by the Rev. J. M. Johnson, pastor of Ludford Memorial Baptist church here. Burial was in the Baptist cemetery.

Deferments Granted To Several Farmers

Temporary deferment to permit them to finish harvesting their crops was granted by the local selective service board, at its meeting last Tuesday night, to the following Washington County farmers:

Until the December call: Sylvester Hassell and David Craddock. Until the January call: Charles McCoy Hassell, Albert Lee Huffon, Dennis Rudolph Oliver, Grady Modlin, Lehman Pen Ambrose, Charles Wesley Snell, Theodore Monroe Davenport, Philip Ward Bowen, Luther Newman Allen and Henry Hoyt Wynn.

Deferments were also granted, to allow their employers time to train men to take their places in industry, to Aubrey Burl Gurganus, Joseph Warren Arps and Farley Minter Bowers.

In addition to the deferments granted above the classification of Archibald Joseph Craddock and Gilbert Frederick Simpson was changed to 2-A.

Mileage Rationing Program Combines Tires and Gasoline

All Car Owners Must Fill Out New Blanks, Listing Tire Serial Numbers

The mileage-rationing program, to become effective throughout the nation November 22, will combine tire and gasoline rationing, and rubber will be made available to all gasoline ration holders on the basis of the gas ration issued, according to an OPA statement issued this week. The new plan will make it possible for even A-card holders to be eligible for tire recapping, it is understood, provided all the regulations are complied with.

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Less Than 500 Went To Polls, Compared With 2,000 in 1940

Smallest Vote Recorded in Many Years

Voting reached a new low level in Washington County at the general election Tuesday, when only about 480 votes were cast at the five precincts. This is less than a fourth of the more than 2,000 cast in the 1940 general election, only a little over one-third of the vote in the Democratic primary last spring and less than one-sixth of the total registered voters in the county.

Chief interest was centered in the proposed constitutional amendments affecting the state board of education, 457 votes being cast on that proposition, 314 against and 143 for. In the state as a whole, the amendment carried by a substantial majority, as did the one relating to solicitorial districts, which also received an adverse vote in the county. Jack Horner, Democratic nominee for coroner, led the entire ticket, receiving 444 votes, the largest cast for any individual.

Lack of Republican opposition was one of the reasons for decreased interest in the election. There were only two Republican candidates, Sam J. Morris, nominee for U. S. Senator, leading that party with 48 votes. His opponent, Josiah W. Bailey, received 429. J. C. Meekins, Jr., I. publican candidate for Congress, received 44 votes, while Herbert Bonner, Democratic nominee, received 420. All the Democratic candidates for state and congressional offices were elected, but Republicans made some gains for legislative posts, principally in the western part of the state.

Nationally, the Democrats barely retained control of the House of Representatives and lost a number of state governorships. The Republicans also made substantial gains in the Senate, although control of that body was not threatened.

In the county the amendment relating to solicitorial districts received 146 favorable votes and 150 against. Candidates on the state and county ballots who had no opposition received from a low of 310 votes to a high of 444. The complete tabulation, by townships, appears elsewhere in this paper.

Selective Service Officials To Study Farm Problems

Members of the Washington County Selective Service Board have been asked to attend a district meeting of selective service officials to discuss farm problems affecting the drafting of men needed on the farms, with special reference to harvesting, dairying, livestock and poultry. The request came from state selective service headquarters in Raleigh. The meeting probably will be held in Washington November 12, it is said.

Several From Creswell At Funeral in New Bern

Creswell.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. J. B. Snell, Mrs. L. T. Snell and Louise Snell, of Creswell, recently attended the funeral of Rev. John R. Smith, 78, minister of several Christian churches in New Bern. The services were held at Broad Street Christian Church, and interment was made at Cedar Lawn Cemetery.

The Rev. Mr. Smith had a host of friends in Creswell, as he has held services at various Christian churches in the section.

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All tires must be inspected periodically, the first inspection to be made during the month of December. Re-inspection thereafter for "A" ration holders will be required every four months; and for "B," "C" and commercial ration holders, every two months or 5,000 miles, whichever occurs first.

All "A," "B" and "C" ration holders must submit a new application for basic gasoline ration, which will show the serial numbers of tires retained. These application blanks were put into the hands of garages and filling stations this week and may be secured there by car owners. Commercial vehicles must have Certificates of War Necessity from ODT. Farmers can get help in filling out these blanks from the county farm transportation committee.

"A," "B," "C" and "D" coupons must bear the license number of vehicle for which issued. Bulk and inventory coupons must bear name of dealer, and fleet coupons the name of the fleet.

Non-highway ration applications are to be submitted in duplicate, in order that a copy may be submitted to the revenue department.

Applicants for supplemental rations who work in plants employing 100 or more will submit applications to the transportation committees established in those plants.

Cars converted to trucks will require Certificates of War Necessity, but they will not be required for trailers. By November 15, all commercial vehicles must have had tires inspected, make new applications for gas ration (Form R-506, Revised), and present ODT Certificates of War Necessity to board, and this must be done in person and not by mail.

Employers Urged to Train Men To Take Replacement Jobs

General Hershey Says Occupational Deferments Are Temporary

Occupational deferments are temporary and granted only to allow employers to train replacements, according to Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service, who has warned employers to investigate the Selective Service classification of all men on their pay rolls who are between the ages of 20 and 45 and to maintain orderly programs for replacement of those who are physically qualified to enter the armed force. He insists that an employer should appraise and analyze his manpower just as he would inventory his stock pile.

"The army has to train a bomber pilot within eight months to operate a very technical machine with an instrument board that challenges the skill of an expert," he said. "Why should an industry assume that it can take two or three years to train men for tasks not nearly as complicated?"

General Hershey warns that employers should not expect any temporary deferment to be effective for more than six months. He urges that deferment be not asked for any man who can be replaced by training another person not likely to be eligible soon for service in the armed forces; that it is a duty owed the nation to have replacements ready.

"There is many a man over 45, or a man physically unfit for the army, or a woman, who can do that job the 20-to-22-year-old boy who took a 12-week course in a learn-quick school is doing now," he said.

Legion and Farm Bureau Plan Big Armistice Day Observance Here Wednesday of Next Week

E. S. Blount Elected To Fill Out Term Of C. E. Ayers on Town Council Here

E. S. Blount was elected a member of the Town Council at its monthly session last Monday night. He will fill out the unexpired term of C. E. Ayers, who has moved his residence beyond the town limits, having bought a place near the Country Club. Only a short session was held and the time was occupied mostly with discussion of delinquent taxes due the town and steps to be taken to enforce collections.

Bills were approved and other routine matters disposed of. Mayor B. G. Campbell presided and all councilmen were present: J. W. Norman, A. J. Riddle, J. R. Manning, G. R. Leggett and E. E. Harrell. None was late, so none will be required to forfeit his fee for attending, it was stated, that being the penalty for tardiness according to a resolution adopted by the Council at its October meeting.

Parade, Speaking And Free Dinner Will Be Features

Stores To Be Closed From 10 to 1 for Exercises Here November 11

American Legionnaires of the James E. Jethro Post and Washington County farmers, members and to-be members of the Farm Bureau, will unite in observance of Armistice Day next Wednesday, November 11, with an elaborate program, featuring the Legionnaires' parade and memorial exercises, addresses by State Senator Tom Pearsall and others, and a big free dinner of Washington County game and farm products. Veterans of World War I and tillers of the soil engaged in helping to feed the soldiers of the present war by joining forces—in memory of an armistice of the past while praying for another to follow victory soon—will make the observance unique, and no effort will be spared to make the occasion a tremendous success.

In recognition of the holiday, the bank, post office, courthouse offices, town offices, and ABC store will be closed all day, while local stores and business establishments will be closed from 10 a. m. until 1 p. m. for the occasion.

Post Commander B. G. Campbell asks all Legionnaires and all men in the armed services of the nation who are in Plymouth on Armistice Day to assemble at the high school building at 10:15 a. m. Wednesday. Headed by the high school band, they will parade to the Legion Hall, where a brief memorial program will be held when the whistle blows at 11 o'clock. The roll of the dead will be called. Then the Legionnaires will march to the courthouse for the joint Armistice Day exercises with Washington County farmers and others assembled in the courtroom. Post Commander Campbell will preside. Congressman Herbert C. Bonner has promised to attend and speak if he is not prevented by important pending legislation in the Congress. State Senator Tom Pearsall, of Battleboro, will be here to make the principal address. He is widely known for his ability as an orator, and it is expected a large crowd will be on hand to hear him. The high school band will provide music for the program, which is expected to last about one hour.

Farm Bureau Dinner Immediately following, between 12:30 and 1 o'clock, the Farm Bureau dinner will be served. Tables will be placed on the Hampton lot, back of the Texaco garage, and presided over by wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of Washington County farmers. In the event of rain, arrangements will be made to have the dinner served in the courthouse.

"All the farmers and business men See, ARMISTICE DAY, Page Six

Mackeys Resident Is Winner of \$25 War Bond Here Tuesday

Two Plymouth Men Get \$6 in Stamps at Merchants Drawing

Campaign To Boost Sale of War Stamps To Continue For Six More Weeks

With the High School band playing stirring marches, calling attention to the second drawing in the eighth-week campaign of the Plymouth Merchants Association to promote the sale of war bonds and stamps in Washington county, an interested assembly was gathered in front of the American Legion hall at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when little Beverly Farmer drew from a box the winning names of purchasers of war stamps last week from the 25 participating merchants of Plymouth. The winners:

Matilda P. Whitfield, of Mackeys, \$25 war bond. Harvey Wright, of Plymouth, \$5 in war stamps. L. W. Zeigler, of Plymouth, \$1 war stamp.

Mr. Zeigler, who directed the band, was the only prize winner present at the drawing.

E. E. Harrell, president of the Merchants Association, and W. F. Winslow, supervised the drawing, the latter addressing the assembly briefly, stating he was glad to see the attendance increasing, that the band would attend again next Tuesday at 3 o'clock for the third drawing and the merchants hope the demand for war stamps will be larger this week in Plymouth than ever before. The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Farmer then drew the winning names. A cheer went up when Mr. Zeigler's name was called.

The sum of \$250 has been contributed by the 25 participating Plymouth merchants to buy the prizes for the eight drawings. There will be six more and every purchaser of war stamps from any of these merchants during the next six weeks has a chance to win a war bond or war stamp. The participating merchants are:

Plymouth Furniture Company, L. S. Thompson, Norman Furniture Company, Western Auto Associate Store, Campbell's Store, Dave's Cut-Rate Store, E. H. Liverman, Winslow's 5s to \$1 Store, Manning Motor Company, M. H. Mitchell Furniture Company, The Roanoke Beacon, L. N. Wombie, Yellow Front Market, Ganderson's Quality Shop, C. E. Ayers, Southern Hardware Company, C. O. (Shorty) Kelly, Economy Cleaners, O. R. Leggett's Son, Keel's Service Station, S. Scherr's Department Store, Don G. Davis, Jeweler, Central Garage, Allen's Store, and House Chevrolet Co.

Mrs. Viola Smithson Put on ABC Board

The Washington County Commissioners met in monthly session last Monday, with all members, E. G. Arps, chairman, J. C. Knowles and E. F. Swain, present. Reports of W. V. Hays, county farm agent, and Mrs. Mary F. Darden, home demonstration agent, were approved, bills against the county were checked and ordered paid, and other routine matters attended to. The county commissioners also met in joint session with the board of education and the county health department to appoint a member of the ABC board in place of Clyde Smithson, whose term had expired. Mrs. Smithson's wife, Mrs. Viola Smithson, of Creswell, was the unanimous choice of the three boards. So far as can be learned here, Mrs. Smithson is the first woman in the state to be named member of an ABC board.

Proper Time To Seek Deferments

For the information of employers and registrants in the county, some of whom have been misinformed and others not informed at all as to the proper time to request deferment of draft registrants, it is stated at the office of the local selective service board that after issuance of an order for induction it is too late to ask for deferment.

The proper time is immediately after the registrant has had his physical examination, 10 days being allowed for appeal or application for deferment after the registrant receives his 1-A classification, it is stated.

Rationing Board Is Able to Grant More Tires and Tubes

Added Allotment Permits Disbursement To Eligible Petitioners

Having received recently a big increase in Washington County's allotment of rations and a small increase of tires and tubes, the local Rationing Board has been able to grant the applications of eligible petitioners more readily than for some time heretofore. The increased allotment permitted the Board 76 passenger tires and 1,000 tubes. See, TIRES AND TUBES, Page Six

County Vote, by Precincts

Following is an unofficial tabulation of the vote cast in Washington County, by precincts, in the general election last Tuesday. The figures are not official, as the County Board of Elections had not completed its canvass when they were obtained this morning. However, it is believed that they are substantially correct:

Table with columns: Precinct Name, Plymouth, Lees Mill, Shimersville, Scuppernon, Wenoona, Totals. Lists candidates for United States Senator, Chief Justice Supreme Court, Associate Justice Supreme Court, etc.