

W. Ronald Gaylord, judge of the Washington County Recorder's Court, now on leave of absence while in the service of the United States Army, was recently promoted from private first class to corporal, a letter from him this week reveals. Corporal Gaylord is serving with the Army Air Force and is stationed at Las Vegas, New Mexico.

A pair of field glasses or binoculars is needed for the aircraft warning post here. Anyone who has a pair he is willing to donate or lend for this work is requested to notify Chief P. W. Brown. They will not be taken away from the post at any time, it was stated.

The city council voted Monday night to retire immediately about \$15,000 worth of interest funding bonds due in 1944. The money to do this will be taken from the sinking fund, and by calling the bonds in now about a year's interest can be saved, it was said.

Pfc. Sidney A. Ward returned to Fort Bragg last Sunday after spending a week here with his mother, Mrs. Sidney A. Ward, sr. Mr. Ward was solicitor of the recorder's court and clerk of the local draft board before entering the service last July. He has been stationed at Fort Bragg since his induction.

Tax Supervisor E. F. Swain and the various list takers in the county again are appealing to all farmers to be prepared to furnish their farm crop reports and census when they list their taxes. Number of acres of each kind of crop produced last year, number chickens, hogs, livestock and anticipated plantings this year are among the items of information which must be provided.

Members of the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board and Mrs. J. K. Reid, secretary, will attend a district meeting of rationing authorities in Elizabeth City next Monday, when the operation of the point system of rationing will be explained. It is expected that this system will be put into operation about February 1 throughout the nation, and details will be made public in another week or so.

There will be a meeting of the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association at the high school building here Wednesday afternoon of next week at 3:45 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. W. V. Hays, president. All patrons and friends of the school are invited and urged to attend.

L. H. Lowe, who has been manager of the local Rose's store since many, 1940, left last Saturday for Farmville, Va., to become manager of the store there for the same firm. He has been succeeded here by Miss Mobley, of Williamston. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe have made many friends during their stay here who regret to see them leave.

It was learned here this week that Lieutenant W. Blount Rodman has been detailed as an instructor at the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Okla. Lieutenant Rodman was solicitor of the recorder's court before entering the service last May. He received his commission at Fort Sill about the last of November.

Classes in Home Nursing Planned Here This Month

Miss Christine Cornwell, Red Cross Instructor, In Charge

Classes in home nursing will be offered Washington County women beginning about the middle of January. Mrs. Robert B. Trotman, chairman of Red Cross Home Nursing, announced this week. Working on the committee with Mrs. Trotman is Mrs. T. L. Bray, Mrs. S. V. Lewis and Miss Marie Farlowe, county nurse.

Definite schedule of the classes will be found in this paper as soon as the classes are organized.

Miss Christine Cornwell, in instructor from the American Red Cross, arrived in Plymouth yesterday and will confine her activities for the next two months to the Washington County chapter. "We feel fortunate in having Miss Cornwell in the county," Mrs. Trotman said.

Miss Cornwell will be able to carry a series of either five or six classes in the county, depending upon the distance between them. Each class will meet twice a week for a two-hour session.

Preliminary organization of these classes are to be started at once by the committee, assisted by Miss Cornwell.

The Red Cross home nursing course teaches the practical facts and procedures that are essential in safeguarding the health of the individual and the family and in giving home nursing care under the guidance of a physician in ordinary illness in the home. It does not prepare persons to care for the sick for hire. A certificate will be given to those who complete the course.

Those Who Owe Oil Coupons to Dealers Warned to Deliver Them Immediately

Consumers who owe fuel oil or kerosene coupons to dealers for deliveries made before the allotments were issued are warned by the rationing board here to turn them over to such dealers immediately. Unless this is done, it was said, the number of coupons owed dealers will be torn out of future allotments made to consumers.

The rationing board also states that it is the duty and obligation of all good citizens to write the serial numbers of their allotments on each of the coupons turned over to dealers. A good

many people have been having the dealers write serial numbers on the coupons, which slows up deliveries and works a hardship on the dealer, since it is not his duty to do this work. "Pull your own share of the load," the local board urges. "Writing the serial numbers on coupons is one of the seemingly small things an individual can do. The dealer has enough extra work to do, and you should not impose on him. According to regulations, neither the dealer nor any of his employees are permitted to write these numbers for you."

Tax Listing Is Off To Slow Start in County

Draft Board Wants Addresses of Five

The Washington County Selective Service Board is seeking the correct addresses of the following white registrants: Aubrey Asby, formerly of Route 1, Plymouth; Daniel Haywood Ambrose, formerly of Route 1, Roper; Thomas Staton Hopkins, formerly of 2404 W. Main Street, Richmond, Va.; John Richard Taylor, formerly of U. S. Dredge "Howell," Wilmington; and Adrian Earl Barnes, formerly of Mamie, N. C.

The above men cannot be located at their last-known addresses as listed with the board, and before they are certified as delinquent to Federal authorities, it is hoped that relatives or friends in this section may furnish their present addresses, which may save them considerable trouble.

33 Get Tire Permits Under New Mileage Rationing Program

Is Largest Number Ever Issued at Single Session By Local Board

The Washington County Rationing Board issued its first certificates for the purchase and recapping of automobile tires under the new mileage rationing program last week. That the new program is designed to permit many more persons to secure tires than was possible under the old methods is demonstrated by the fact that the board issued a total of 33 permits at its session last week.

The mileage rationing program is designed to keep all cars and trucks considered essential in operation, and under it the type of gasoline rationing allotment allowed determines the class of tires or recapping allowed. An A-card holder whose car is essential is entitled to have his tires recapped or to secure grade III tires, if an official tire inspector certifies to his need and there is such material or tires available under the county quota. Those whose occupational driving permits them 540 or more miles per month are eligible for grade II tires or recapping, if available under the quotas set up.

Not all requests were granted at the board meeting last week, it is pointed out. Those whose driving is considered most essential to prosecution of the war or those occupations directly concern public health and other essential services naturally come first, and the monthly quotas of tires and tubes allotted to the county determine the number of certificates which can be issued. Some of the

Burnham to Operate Water Street Station

C. W. "Snook" Burnham last Monday became proprietor of the Water Street Service Station, formerly owned and operated here by C. O. (Shorty) Kelly. Mr. Burnham, local representative of the aGte City Life Insurance Company for a number of years, is well known throughout the county and has many friends who wish him well in his new venture.

In taking over operation of the station the new owner seeks a continuation of its former patronage, assuring the best service possible. He will continue to handle Sinclair products there, and will make a specialty of washing and greasing cars. He will also continue to maintain it as an official OPA tire inspection station.

Mr. Burnham said yesterday that he would also continue his connection with the Gate City Life Insurance Company for the present, although it might become necessary to make a change in the near future. He asks all his old friends to call on him at his new place of business.

Schedule for Listers Is Announced This Week by Supervisor

Usual Last-Minute Rush Is Forecast Unless Work Is Speeded Up

Some progress is being made by the four tax listers in their respective townships this week, although as usual a first-class last-minute rush is in the making unless more speed is shown by taxpayers in getting their property on the books. A few people were listing the early part of the week, but the list-takers were not nearly as busy as they will be the latter part of the month.

A complete schedule for the several list takers was announced by County Tax Supervisor E. F. Swain, of Creswell, this week, and he also directs a special appeal to farmers to come prepared to give their farm census reports, including acreages of all crops last year and expected plantings this season.

Mrs. Hermine Ramsey, list taker for Plymouth Township, will be at her office on Water Street here every week day during the month, including Saturday afternoons, she said yesterday. She requests all local property owners to do their listing during the early parts of each week, leaving Fridays and Saturdays open for farmers and others who do not live in town and who may have more trouble than usual getting here to list their taxes, due to the gasoline shortage.

Walter W. White, list taker for Skippersville Township, announces the following schedule: January 6, H. L. Davenport's store; January 13, E. W. Patrick's store; January 20, J. E. Pierce's store; and the balance of the month he will be at White's store every week day.

E. M. Chesson, list taker for Lees Mill Township, will be at the State Farm office at Wena on January 11 to list property in that section. He will also be at Davenport's store in Mackeys on January 19, 20 and 26; and at Dick Chesson's store on January 22. The remainder of the month he will be at Pierce's Service Station (formerly Phelps & Freeman's) in Roper.

P. B. Belanga, list taker for Scuppernon Township, outlines the following schedule: At Cherry, January 6, 13, 20 and 27; Mount Tabor, January 7; New Lands, January 14; and Ambrose's Road, January 21. The remainder of the month he will be in Creswell.

One Case Tried Tuesday In Recorder's Court Here

Although not originally scheduled to be held this week on account of superior court being in session, Judge Edward L. Owens called one case in recorder's court here Tuesday morning, after the higher court had adjourned for the week the afternoon before. Leamon Moore, of Roper, colored, entered a plea of guilty to operating an automobile with improper equipment and was fined \$5 and the costs.

Applications for More Mileage by Truck Operators Must Be Made Within 10 Days

By W. V. HAYS County Farm Agent We were advised today by the Office of Defense Transportation that all appeals for more mileage by farm truck operators should be made within the next 10 days. A farm truck owner should make an appeal only when he can show the transportation committee of Washington County that he cannot carry on his operations during 1943 on the gasoline allotted by the Office of Defense Transportation and that he is directly contributing toward the war effort in his operations. The Of-

Notes of Importance Garnered at Office Of Rationing Board

Office Open Saturday Afternoons in Future; Other Timely News

The office of the Washington County Rationing Board in the courthouse here was directed by state officials to remain open six days a week, instead of five and a half, as formerly. Although employees are on the job all day, the office will be open to the public from 10 to 12 each morning and from 1 to 3 each afternoon every week day, including Saturdays, in the future.

Mrs. J. K. Reid, secretary to the board, requests all ration book holders to carefully note the expiration date on each of the books issued. Whether for fuel oil, kerosene, or gasoline, each ration book has the date it expires on the front cover. A good many people have been turning in books before they expire, which is the reason this request is made. Some kerosene allotments for cooking and lighting expired December 31, and unused coupons in these books should be returned to the office. However, most outstanding books for cooking and lighting fuel will not expire until March 31, and consumers are advised not to bring or send these books to the office until then.

The value of fuel-oil coupons was cut from 10 to 9 gallons each, effective last Sunday midnight. Coupon No. 3 is now valid for deliveries at the 9-gallon basis and will continue so until February 5. Coupons Nos. 1 and 2 expired last Saturday, and all dealers are warned to get such coupons into the office of the board here by Friday (tomorrow) in order to get exchange coupons at the 10-gallon per coupon rate. After tomorrow tickets Nos. 1 and 2 sent in by dealers for exchange coupons will be accepted for only 9 gallons each, Mrs. Reid stated.

The office of the board here now has a supply of blanks on hand for making application for coal stoves, which came under the rationed list last December 18. Persons who are converting from oil to coal heating equipment are principally eligible for a certificate to purchase a coal stove. It is understood that coal stoves will soon be available to dealers here, although there are no new stoves now on hand anywhere in Plymouth, so far as could be learned yesterday.

The secretary also stated that any person who drives a tire beyond its recappable stage, after having been so advised by an official tire inspection station, will be deemed guilty of abuse and as such will not be eligible for any future tire or gasoline ration for the duration of the war.

Attention is again called to the fact that January 15 is the deadline for applying for War Ration Book One (sugar book). If any person has not received ration book No. 1, for any reason, he or she must apply for it before Friday of next week, or it will be too late. War Ration Book Two, which is to be issued about February 1, will be distributed only to those who have War Ration Book One.

Stamp No. 28 in War Ration Book One (sugar book) is now valid for 1 pound of coffee and will be good until February 7th.

Husband of Creswell Native Reported Missing in Action

Creswell.—Mrs. Albert Tyson, the former Miss Ruth Tarkenton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tarkenton, of Creswell, has recently received word from the War Department that her husband, who has been serving overseas with the United States Army Air Corps, is missing in action. The message contained no details, and it is not known in which theatre of operations Mr. Tyson was engaged.

Report of Stamps Sold By Junior Womens Club

Members of the Plymouth Junior Women's Club sold \$750.80 worth of War Savings Stamps and \$1,395 worth of War Bonds at the two schools here in the period from the time school opened last fall until the Christmas holidays, it was learned this week in a report made by Mrs. Linwood Brown, president of the club.

County Well Over Its Quota in Sales of Bonds Last Month

Total of All Types Bonds, Certificates and Stamps Nearly \$100,000

Last month was a banner month for sale of War Savings Stamps and Bonds in Washington County, the total amount of United States Treasury certificates of various kinds—not all of which are credited to the county quota, however—reaching a grand total of nearly \$100,000.

With a county quota of \$21,000 in series E War Bonds, the county went well over the top, selling \$38,775 worth in December. In addition, \$30,000 worth of series F bonds were sold, \$1,000 worth of series G, and \$15,000 worth of Treasury Department tax anticipation certificates, for a grand total of \$84,775 in these categories. War Stamp sales at the local post office amounted to \$11,290.20 for the month, and a considerable amount of these were also sold at Roper, Creswell, and Mackeys, although no reports on stamp sales were received from the other county towns.

In the sale of series E War Bonds, Plymouth led the way with \$33,825. Roper was next, with the sales amounting to \$3,150, and \$1,800 worth was sold in Creswell.

The county War Bond quota for the month of January has been increased substantially, to \$25,410. However, sales have started off at a rapid pace at the bank, where \$11,000 worth had been sold up to the close of business last night. The post office here has run out of bonds, although a new supply has been ordered and should be here any day. Postmaster John W. Darden said that he had not sold any so far this month, although he estimated he had received applications totaling about \$3,000, which had to be turned away until the new supply of bonds is received.

The postmaster said stamp sales were running about normal, but redemption of stamps for cash has declined to almost none during the past week. Shortly before Christmas a great many people cashed in their stamps.

Cucumber Acreage Likely to Increase

C. W. Dinkins, manager of the local receiving station for C. C. Lang & Son, said yesterday that more than 100 acres of cucumbers had already been signed up for in the Plymouth area and that from 75 to 100 acres had been contracted in the Columbia section. There is no limit on the acreage which the company will contract for this year, Mr. Dinkins said, and he urges all farmers who would like to grow cucumbers for the firm to see him and make arrangements as early as possible.

The scale of prices being offered by the Lang Company for the 1943 season is considerably higher than it was last year, according to officials, and it is expected that the acreage will be increased.

Stockholders of Club Elect New Officers

Stockholders of the Plymouth Country Club, in their annual meeting at the club last night, elected Z. V. Norman as president of the corporation, succeeding E. F. Still, who declined to serve another year. C. G. Crockett, of Williamston, was elected vice president; J. R. Manning, treasurer; and L. J. Meunier, jr., secretary.

The board of directors is composed of the four officers named above and eight other stockholders, as follows: E. A. Harrison, M. J. Polk, F. J. Margolis, E. L. Walker, E. F. Still, W. H. Booker, M. G. Waters and E. L. Winslow.

The annual report showed that the club had managed to weather a most difficult year, and an appeal is directed to public-spirited local citizens to rally to its support to keep it functioning until after the war, when it can resume its place as a decided asset to the social life of the community.

Aircraft Warning Post Will Be Located Here; Volunteers Solicited

Tuesday Is Farm Mobilization Day

Farmers of Washington County are asked to join with others of North Carolina and the entire nation in mobilizing their full resources to fight the Axis next Tuesday, January 12, which has been designated by President Roosevelt as National Farm Mobilization Day. A meeting will be held at the agriculture building here that night at 7:45 p. m., with several well-known farm leaders to take part in discussing farm plans for 1943.

On this day, farmers are asked by the President to meet with representatives of the Department of Agriculture and other agencies to map farm plans designed to give maximum production of food in 1943. All county farmers are asked to attend the meeting here.

Superior Court Here Completes Criminal Docket in One Day

Several Cases Disposed of Monday and Session Is Adjourned for Week

Washington County Superior Court convened Monday morning, cleared the docket of all criminal cases set for trial during the first two days; and then recessed for the week Monday of civil cases set for the latter part of the week. Judge C. Everett Thompson, of Elizabeth City, was the presiding jurist.

The court will resume its sessions next Monday morning, with a calendar of civil cases that is expected to keep it busy for most of the week. The cases of George Askew, L. T. Weese and T. M. Bowen against the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company scheduled to be heard this week were settled out of court, and the remainder of the week's calendar was continued for the term.

Criminal cases called Monday were as follows:

State vs. Mrs. N. C. Walters charged with reckless driving; continued for the defendant.

State vs. Willie Jennett, colored, of Plymouth; charged with stealing a watch; continued.

State vs. George Blount, colored, of Plymouth. The defendant entered a plea of guilty to assault on a female and was sentenced to two years on the roads.

McKinley Latham, colored, of Belhaven, was defendant in four cases. He was found not guilty by the jury in three of them, in which he was charged with entering and stealing, assault on Anis Dawson, and entering the house of Folly McCormick without her consent; but was given 30 days on the roads when found guilty of being drunk on a public highway.

Creswell Brothers Promoted in Army

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Comstock, of Creswell, Route 1, have recently been promoted from privates to corporals in the United States Army. They are Winifred Comstock, now stationed at Fort Riley, Kan., who has been in the Army since July, 1942; and Julian C. Comstock, with the Army Air Forces at Elgin Field, Fla., who has been in the service since July, 1941.

In addition to the two corporals, Mr. and Mrs. Comstock have two other sons in the service, Hallett Comstock, in the Navy at Norfolk; and Private Hilton Comstock, who has been in the service since April, 1942, and whose present whereabouts is unknown.

Public Concert by High School Band January 22

The Plymouth High School Band will present a public concert at the courthouse here Friday night, January 22, at 8 p. m. The program will consist of full-band numbers of a patriotic nature. The concert is being presented especially for parents and presented especially for parents and members, and there will be no charge for admission. The public is cordially invited to attend.

\$194 Worth War Stamps Sold at Creswell Monday

Creswell.—Principal Collier reported this week that \$194.30 worth of War Savings Stamps were sold at the high school Monday, when school reopened after the Christmas holidays.

To Be Manned on 24-Hour Basis; Located On Old Hampton Lot

Sponsored by Town After Air Corps Officer Explains Urgency

It was announced this morning that E. S. (Ted) Blount had agreed to serve as chief observer for the local aircraft warning post, and those who wish to volunteer as observers are requested to notify him or Chief P. W. Brown as soon as possible.

Plymouth people now have an opportunity to render a very necessary patriotic service to the Army by volunteering to man an aircraft warning post, as the result of a visit here Monday by representatives of the First Fighter Command, of Norfolk, Va. The post, a 9-by-12-foot room built on a tower 20 feet from the ground, is to be built within a week on the old Hampton lot here, and a large number of volunteers will be needed to keep it manned continuously on a 24-hour basis.

Lieutenant R. E. Manchee, accompanied by Private W. H. Diehl, of the Army Air Corps, was here Monday and explained the necessity of having an observation post located in Plymouth to the city council at its meeting Monday night. The councilmen agreed to sponsor and provide the necessary funds for building and equipping the post after hearing the officer. District Air Warden Chief P. W. Brown is to appoint the chief observer, who will be in charge of the local post possibly within the next day or two.

In the meantime, Chief Brown is seeking all the volunteers possible to man the post. Both men and women are urged to volunteer, and it is planned to have the post operated by ladies during the daytime, with the men taking over at night. Shifts will be worked out, depending on the number of volunteers, and it is hoped that a sufficient number may be obtained so that it will be necessary for each individual to be on duty only a few hours each week. Those who wish to serve are requested to give their names to Mr. Brown as soon as possible, with the idea of having the post in operation early next week.

The post is to be equipped with a table, chairs, electric heater, and telephone. A railed stairway will lead from the ground to the post, and every arrangement is being made for the comfort and convenience of the volunteer observers.

In presenting the urgent need of an observation post here, Lieutenant Manchee explained that the objective of the Army Air Forces was to have such posts at intervals of 10 miles. He produced a map showing that the nearest posts to Plymouth were at Jamesville and Roper, leaving a gap of some 18 miles, which could be blocked by establishing one here. "At the present, there is a hole here large enough to drive the whole Luftwaffe through," he said.

The lieutenant further went on to state that he believed there was a very real danger of enemy raids along the eastern seaboard. "Not that I expect Plymouth will ever be raided, because I do not," he said, "but enemy aircraft bent on bombing vital military installations in the Norfolk-Washington area may very probably head inland from the North Carolina coast and follow the swamps of this region until it would be too late to escape."

Kelly Buys Out Sinclair Agency

Announcement was made last week that John Swinson had sold his Sinclair oil distributorship here to C. O. (Shorty) Kelly, the new owner taking possession last Friday, January 1. Mr. Kelly has extensive interests here, including the Economy Auto Supply and Kelly's Market and Grocery, and up to last Monday he had also operated the Water Street Service Station here for several years. The latter business he disposed of to C. W. Burnham Monday.

Mr. Kelly announces that he will continue to handle the entire line of Sinclair petroleum products and specialties. The office of the new business will be located in the Economy Auto Supply Store here on Water Street, with W. C. Hall in charge. E. R. Chesson, who has been with Mr. Swinson for a number of years, will continue as tank-wagon salesman for Mr. Kelly.

The new owner appeals for a continuation of the patronage of those who have been using Sinclair products, assuring the best service possible under the restrictions imposed by national rationing of many items on the Sinclair list.