

The Red Cross home nursing class here will hold its meeting this week tonight (Thursday) in the Legion Hall at 8 o'clock, instead of Wednesday night, as originally planned.

J. Brinson Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cox, left at noon yesterday for Columbia, S. C., where he will enter upon a two-month Civilian Pilot Training course before going to a Naval Pre-Flight school.

Stamp No. 3 in the basic A gasoline rationing book expires today and stamp No. 4 becomes valid for 3 coupons, beginning tomorrow, January 22.

County Agent W. V. Hays was advised this week that peddlers who use truck exclusively for the collection of scrap material are eligible to receive additional supplies of gasoline and to have such trucks re-capped.

Chairman W. L. Whitley of the local rationing board, called Raleigh Monday and received authorization to grant supplementary gasoline allotments to persons who use their cars to bring hospital patients home.

The OPA ban on sliced bread, which became effective this week, is reviving a lost art in many Plymouth homes.

Seawell Bowen resigned last week as manager of the Plymouth ABC store and was succeeded by Bill Styon, who has been employed there as assistant manager for some time.

John W. Darden, Plymouth postmaster, has been appointed Washington County chairman of the President's Birthday Celebration, Inc., which seeks to raise funds this time each year to be used in the prevention and treatment of infantile paralysis.

Continue To Issue Large Number of Tire Certificates

32 Persons Get Tires, Tubes Or Recaps During Past Week

The local war price and rationing board continues to issue a large number of tire certificates each week. During the past week, purchases of 8 tires and 3 tubes were authorized for trucks, while passenger car owners received certificates as follows:

- J. F. Carter, Wenaona, 2 tires and 1 tube for truck; Milton Armistead, Plymouth, 1 tire for pick-up truck; C. M. Davenport, Roper, 1 tire for pick-up truck; J. R. Pierce, Creswell, 1 tire and 1 tube, pick-up truck; E. C. Craddock, Creswell, 1 tire, 1 tube, for truck; Wiley Anthony, Plymouth, 1 tire for truck; Plymouth Box & Panel Co., 1 tire, truck; C. S. Heynen, Wenaona, 1 grade III tire, 2 recaps, car; Cecil Clifton, Plymouth, 1 grade III tire, 1 recap, car; Roanld W. Spruill, Plymouth, 1 grade III tire, car; J. H. Satterthwaite, Roper, 2 grade III tires, 2 tubes, car; M. G. Ward, Plymouth, 2 grade III tires, 2 tubes, car.

January 31 Deadline for Having Tires Inspected Has Been Postponed by OPA

The local office of the War Price and Rationing Board announced today that the January 31st deadline for inspection of all passenger vehicles has been postponed and frequency of inspection periods reduced.

Car owners who have A gasoline ration books have until March 31 to have their first inspection made, with subsequent inspections to be made every six months.

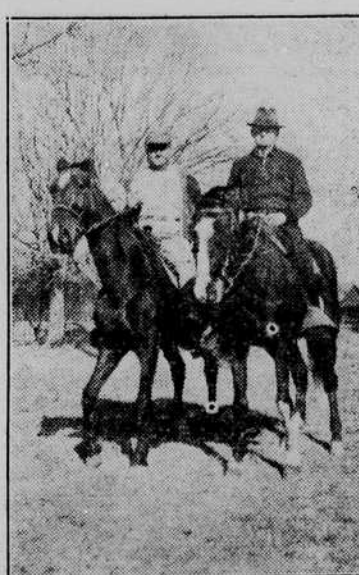
Local Stores Will Close at 9 o'Clock on Saturday Nights, Starting This Week

Plymouth stores will begin closing Saturday nights at 9 o'clock, one hour earlier than usual, this week. This action was decided upon last week after requests were received from the Federal government to shorten store hours in order to conserve fuel and lights as war measures.

ment request was considered to be lopping off an hour Saturday night. It is not felt that the earlier closing on Saturdays will greatly inconvenience patrons of local establishments after they become accustomed to it.

Officials Comment on Report by Grand Jury

USE HAY BURNERS



N. S. Harrington and D. P. Pharr, of Skinnerville, are prepared for the gas shortage. Mr. Harrington (left) is mounted on a Texas broncho, while Mr. Pharr is riding a western saddle horse.

Say County Unable To Finance Needed Improvements Now

Higher Tax Rate Would Be Necessary To Carry Out All Recommendations

County officials, in commenting on the report and recommendations made by the grand jury to the superior court here last week, agree that conditions in some schools and public buildings are deplorable, but they say it is impracticable—if not impossible—to correct them under existing conditions without an increase in the tax rate.

It is cited that present county officials, as well as school authorities, have made every effort to permanently remedy inadequate school facilities—without increasing the tax rate. At the end of winter of 1941 a comprehensive program was agreed upon, in cooperation with the WPA, which would have rectified most of the conditions about which complaint is made.

Forest Fire Control This Year Is More Essential Than Ever

Smoke Constitutes Hazard To Aviators Engaged in Submarine Patrol

At a meeting held in the courthouse here Monday morning, plans were made to undertake an educational campaign throughout the county to lessen the usual hazards arising from forest fires at this season of the year.

Community leaders are as follows: Plymouth, Jim Sexton; Lees Mill, J. C. Knowles; Skinnerville, W. W. White; Scuppernon, W. D. Phelps.

Historian Wants Letters County Men in Service

An appeal for letters from men in the armed services is being directed to county people this week by John W. Darden, who was recently assigned by the State Historical Commission to collect items which may become of historical interest concerning Washington County's part in the present war.

State Farm Bureau To Hold Meeting in Raleigh Next Week

President of County Unit Is Named To Resolutions Committee

J. Roy Manning, president of the Washington County Farm Bureau was this week made a member of the resolutions committee of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, which will hold its annual meeting in Raleigh next Tuesday and Wednesday, January 26 and 27.

MISSING IN ACTION



Bosie Aydlett Bateman, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Bateman, of Creswell, last week became the second Washington County service man to be reported "missing in action" in World War II.

Mrs. J. T. Spencer, County Native, Died Sunday in Norfolk

Daughter of Mrs. Sarah F. Bailey, of Roper; Final Rites Tuesday

Mrs. Ethel Lee Bailey Spencer, wife of J. T. Spencer, of Norfolk, Va., died Sunday at 3:15 p. m., in Leigh Memorial hospital there. Mrs. Spencer had suffered from nephritis for about a year and a half, although she was not confined to her bed during all of that time; and pneumonia followed by uremic poisoning was given as the immediate cause of her death.

Mrs. Spencer was born at Roper on December 30, 1890, the daughter of Mrs. Sarah F. Bailey and the late Benjamin Franklin Bailey. She attended the Roper schools and after graduating there attended East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville.

In 1919 she was married to Mr. Spencer, who is dockmaster at Colonna's shipyard in Norfolk, and who, with one son and two daughters, survives her. Her son, James Thomas Spencer, Jr., 22, is a student at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College at Winston-Salem; while the two daughters, Misses Frances Spencer, 18, and Norma Spencer, 16, live at the home in Norfolk.

For many years Mrs. Spencer was an ardent member of Spruenge Memorial Baptist church in Norfolk, and she was very active in the work of the church as long as her health permitted.

The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Mr. Morris, at Spruenge Memorial church Tuesday. It was largely attended and there was a very profuse floral offering.

Seed-Feed Loans Again Available

Farmers who wish to apply for emergency feed and seed loans for 1943 are advised to make their applications as early as possible. Miss Martha Hornthal, at the office of W. R. Hampton, is receiving applications from Washington County farmers and will be glad to assist them in filling out the blanks.

Loans are available to farmers for buying necessary seed and feed for the current crop year. The rate of interest is 4 per cent. Roy Hearne, field supervisor for the government agency which makes these loans was in town this week and delivered a supply of application blanks to Miss Hornthal.

Work Is in Progress On Observation Post To Be Erected Here

Should Be Completed and In Operation Within Couple Weeks

Work was started Monday on the aircraft observation post for Plymouth, but was suspended shortly thereafter on account of the weather and not resumed until yesterday.

The plans call for a 10-by-10 room 23 feet in the air. Located on the old Hampton lot here, fronting on Water Street, the post will be reached by three flights of stairs built on the inside of the tower.

When completed, the post will be furnished with a desk or table, chairs, electric heater, binoculars and telephone. It will be manned on a round-the-clock schedule, with volunteers being sought to share the work in such manner that it will not be burdensome.

Edw. S. (Ted) Blount is chief observer of the post and is seeking as many volunteer observers as possible to spread the periods on duty as thinly as possible. Mr. Blount plans to have the post operated by ladies from 8 in the morning until 8 at night, with the men taking over and remaining on duty until 8 the following morning.

Up to yesterday Mr. Blount had about 25 women and 19 men volunteers, but it is expected that a great many others will give in their names before the post is completed, so that each person will not be required to serve oftener than once a week.

Negro Gets 2 Years For Robbery Store Here Friday Night

Captured By Patrolman Before Store Owner Knew He Had Been Robbed

James Willis Barrow, 21-year-old Negro originally from Fairfield, was given two years on the roads by Recorder Edward L. Owens Tuesday, after pleading guilty to a charge of breaking and entering. Barrow was arrested shortly after midnight last Saturday morning by Highway Patrolman M. B. Stewart, who suspected something was wrong when he saw Barrow with a big bag on his back walking along Highway 64 in the western part of town.

After picking up Barrow, the officers went to the Hardison store, where he found a piece of glass broken out of the front window. Mr. and Mrs. Hardison live in the rear part of the store building, but did not know that the store had been robbed until after they were awakened and told about it by the patrolman.

The bag of loot carried by Barrow when he was arrested included several boxes crackers, ladies hose, men's socks, work gloves, 12 cartons of cigarettes, 6 plugs chewing tobacco, combs, canned goods, 18 pads notebook paper, some ice cream and 270 pennies.

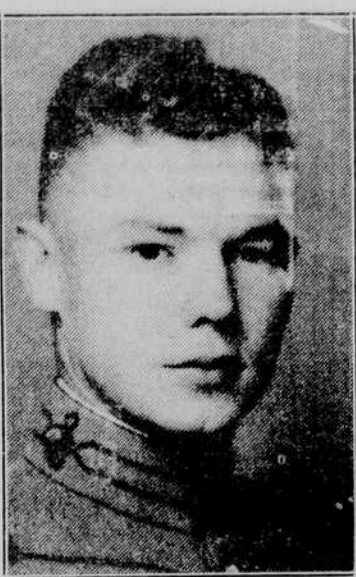
Dealers May Apply For Stock of Tires

The office of Price Administration announced this week that any dealer may apply to the OPA district office for an allotment of tires and tubes to be sold under the terms of the new mileage rationing program. These tires come under three classes, B, C and D, and include recappable, repairable, or usable tires and tubes; grade I, II and III tires and tubes.

The recappable, repairable and usable tires and tubes mentioned above will come from the stock accumulated recently when all motorists in the county were required to turn in all tires except five. Application Blanks No. R-54 have been mailed to most tire dealers, but it was stated that those who have not received them may write the district OPA office for a supply.

Draft Board To Send 61 Men From County To Service Next Week

GETS COMMISSION



Hugh Fagan Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Jordan, of Dardens, graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., Tuesday and received his commission as second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps at the same time.

Hugh Fagan Jordan Gets Commission at West Point Tuesday

Son of Mr. and J. F. Jordan, Of Dardens, Graduates at Military Academy

Among the cadets graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., Tuesday, January 19, was Hugh Fagan Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Jordan, of Dardens. Immediately upon graduation he received his commission as second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps.

After graduating from Plymouth High School in 1936, Lieutenant Jordan attended the Porter Military Academy at Charleston, S. C., for one year, graduating in 1937. He later attended Millard's and Columbian West Point Preparatory Schools in Washington, D. C., Braden's School at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., and studied at State College in Raleigh. He received his appointment in 1938 to the United States Military Academy from the present Comptroller General of the United States, Lindsay C. Warren, then representative from the First North Carolina District.

He was very active in all phases of (See HUGH F. JORDAN, Page 6)

February Draft Call Is Upped 20 Per Cent

The local draft board was notified this week that its February quota of white men had been raised 20 per cent to care for requirements of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. The original call for the month was for 35 men to leave on February 5 for the Army. Mrs. Eliza Hampton Daniel, clerk to the board, said the instructions were not clear as to whether 42 men would be called for the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard in addition to the 35 wanted by the Army; or if the total would be 42 for the four branches of the military service. It is believed however, that the total call will be for 42 men, rather than 77.

The board also has a call on hand for 25 colored men to leave February 18 for the Army. This quota was not affected by the 20 per cent increase. The original quota of 75 white men called up in January was reduced 20 per cent to 60. They are leaving next Tuesday.

No Extension of Time To Be Given for Tax Listing; Only Eight Day Remain

Tax listing is proceeding very slowly throughout the county as a whole, although Scuppernon Township is reported to be more than half through with the task. Tax Supervisor E. F. Swain, of Creswell, said yesterday that he had been informed there would be no extension of time for listing this year, which means that a great many people are going to be liable for the penalties imposed for failure to list during the period ending January 31.

Taxes are required to be listed during the month of January each year. This leaves only eight more days after today, since Saturday of next week is the final

Seven Volunteers in Group Leaving for Fort Bragg Tuesday

More Than Half Are Young Men Who Registered Last June 30

A total of 61 white men in Washington County have been notified to report to the local selective service board at 9 a. m. next Tuesday morning, January 6, when they will be sent to Fort Bragg for final physical and mental examination and possible induction into the Army. The county is sending one more man than the actual call, which is for 60. This is caused by the fact that one man volunteered after the calls were sent out, and there is also one transfer who is being inducted for the Baltimore, Md., local board.

Included in the list to leave next Tuesday are seven volunteers, all from Plymouth and all in the 18 and 19 year old class. More than half of the total number are young men in the 18 and 19 year old group, whose service was authorized by Congress only last November. A few of them have reached 20 since they registered in June. Several of the volunteers are 18-year-olds who registered during December.

The Plymouth section will furnish 37 of the men called up, more than half of the total list. Roper, with 11, is second, followed by Creswell, with 8; Mackeys, with 2; and Wenaona, with 1. The other man is Leon Wilson Clifton, formerly a resident of the Creswell section, who was registered with and is being inducted for a Baltimore, Md., board.

The January call was originally for 75 men, but the number was later reduced 20 per cent. However, the number to be sent to camp is one of the largest single calls yet made on the county.

The local board is nearing the end of its list of men presently available for induction under existing regulations, and within another couple of months will not be able to fill even a small quota unless some men are taken from deferred classifications. It is not yet known what course will be pursued when the present list of available is exhausted. Quite a number of married men are included in the contingent to leave next Tuesday. Those who have received notice to report next Tuesday morning are as follows: (v denotes volunteer):

From Plymouth: 18-19-20-year-old (See DRAFT LIST, Page 6)

County Merchants Urged To Attend Price-Ceiling Meet

To Be Held in Williamston Friday Night; Board Here Organized Last Week

Carl L. Bailey, J. E. Westray, and W. T. Freeman, who comprise the membership of the price-ceiling panel of the local war price and rationing board, held their organizational meeting last week. Mr. Bailey was elected chairman and such information as was available dealing with the administration and enforcement of price ceiling regulations was discussed by the group at its first meeting.

Local merchants are receiving invitations to attend a meeting to be held at the courthouse in Williamston Friday night of this week, at 8 o'clock, when all phases of the price ceiling regulations will be discussed at length by specialist in various fields. Price regulations and interpretations for all types of retail business will be explained, and all the merchants of the county are urged to attend. The meeting is being held in Williamston for merchants of Martin and Washington Counties.

Mr. Swain said that about one-third of the Plymouth Township taxpayers had listed, about 29 per cent in Skinnerville, approximately 25 per cent in Lees Mill, and well over half in Scuppernon. In past years an extra week or so to list has usually been allowed, which may account for the current lag in listing. The supervisor said he had been advised by the county commissioners that there would be no extension this year, however, and he urges all citizens to see their respective list takers before Saturday of next week and avoid the possibility of being penalized.