The Red Cross home nursing class

tonight (Thursday) in the Legion Hall at 8 o'colck, instead of Wednes-

day night, as originally planned.

Last night's meeting had to be postponed on account of the hall be-

ing in use for another purpose. The

change applies to this week only, and

the meeting wil be held next week at

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. The No.

4 coupons will continue to be

County Agent W. V. Hays was ad-

vised this week that peddlers who

use truck exclusively for the collec-

tion of scrap material are eligible to

receive additional supplies of gaso-

CWN-5-S, which must be filled out to

secure authorization for these extra

Chairman W. L. Whitley of the lo-

to grant supplementary gasoline al-

lotments to persons who use their

cars to bring hospital patients home.

Heretofore it has been posible to get

emergency gasoline to take patients

to a hospital but not for returning

The OPA ban on sliced bread,

which became effective this week,

is reviving a lost art in many

Plymouth homes. Local cutlery

stores are having a run on bread

knives as a result of the order,

and many complaints are being

heard from some whose slices are

Seawell Bowen resigned last week

as manager of the Plymouth ABC

store and was succeeded by Bill

Bill Tetterton has been employed as

clerk in the store to assist Mr. Styon.

master, has been appointed Wash-

ington County chairman of the

President's Birthday Celebrati

Inc., which seeks to raise function

Continue To Issue

Large Number of

Or Recaps During

Past Week

The local war price and rationing

board continues to issue a large num-

her of tire certificates each week.

During the past week, purchases of

for trucks, while passenger car own-

C. M. Davenport, Roper, 1 tire for

J. R. Pierce, Creswell, 1 tire and 1

E. C. Craddock, Creswell, 1 tire, 1

Wiley Anthony, Plymouth, 1 tire

Plymouth Box & Panel Co., 1 tire,

C. S. Heynen, Wenona, 1 grade III

Cecil Clifton, Plymouth, 1 grade

J. H. Satterthwaite, Roper, 2 grade

M. G. Ward, Plymouth, 2 grade

(See AUTO TIRES, Page 6)

Roanld W. Spruill, Plymouth,

1 tube for truck:

for pick-up truck;

tube, pick-up truck;

pick-up truck;

tube, for truck;

tire, 2 recaps, car:

grade III tire, car:

III tire, 1 recap, car;

III tires, 2 tubes, car;

III tires, 2 tubes, car;

for truck;

truck:

this time each year to be used in the

John W. Darden, Plymouth post-

turning out to be hunks.

such patients to their homes.

good until March 22nd.

the usual time.

det since last summer.

MAKE EVERY PAY DAY **BOND DAY** 

here will hold its meeting this week VOLUME LIV-NUMBER 3

Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, January 21, 1943

ESTABLISHED 1889

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

Plymouth stores will begin Brinson Cox, son of Mr. and closing Saturday nights at 9 Mrs. W. B. Cox, left at noon yestero'clock, one hour earlier than day for Columbia, S. C., where he usual, this week. This action will enter upon a two-month Civilian was decided upon last week after Pilot Training course before going to requests were received from the a Naval Pre-Flight school. Young Federal government to shorten Cox has been enrolled as a Naval Castore hours in order to conserve fuel and lights as war measures.

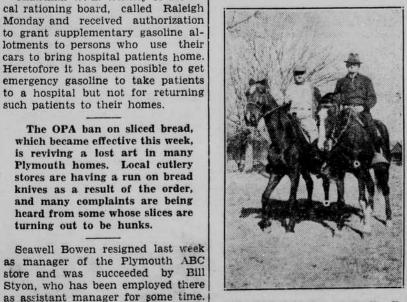
Some time ago, the local merchants began opening at 9 in the morning, instead of 8, thereby cutting six hours a week off their former schedule of store hours. It was not considered practical to further reduce hours during the week, and the best way to comply with the govern-

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. A few people have made it a practice to do some of their shopping after getting out of the movies at 9 o'lock, but they are reminded that the show here on Saturdays is continuous; and they can go to the movies a little earlier and do their shopping as usual afterwards. The cooperation of the public will be appreciated.

### Officials Comment on capped. The office of the county agent has a suply of ODT Form Report by Grand Jury

USE HAY BURNERS



N. S. Harrington and D. P. Pharr, of Skinnersville, are prepared for the gas shortage. Mr. Harrington (left) is mounted on a Texas broncho, while Mr. Pharr is riding a western saddle horse. Both animals are owned by Mrs. D. P. Thank, of the Chief nersville section.

#### prevention and treatment of infantile paralysis. It is doubtful that Forest Fire Control the usual dances will be held in the county this year, but detailed plans of the local campaign will be announced next week, Mr. Darden said. This Year Is More Essential Than Ever | school here, and erect an additional graduating there attended East Carbuilding for Roper colored children. | olina Teachers College in Greenville.

Smoke Constitutes Hazard still on the approved list, but ne-To Aviators Engaged in Tire Certificates Submarine Patrol

At a meeting held in the court-32 Persons Get Tires, Tubes house 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. Roy L. Westerfield, of Rocky Mount, was in charge of the meeting here Monday, which was attended by about 15 or 20 interested 8 tires and 3 tubes were authorized persons from the county, headed by Stuart F. Darden, county forest warers received certificates as follows: 34 den, and the recently appointed comgrade III tires, 3 grade II tires, 2 munity leaders of the Forest Fire grade I tires, 13 recaps and 7 tubes. Fighters' Service.

Those who received certificates are Community leaders are as follows Plymouth, Jim Sexton; Lees Mill, J. J. F. Carter, Wenona, 2 tires and C. Knowles; Skinnersville, W. W. White; Scuppernong, W. D. Phelps; Milton Armistead, Plymouth, 1 tire (See FOREST FIRES, Page 6)

#### 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

Mr. Darden asks parents and friends of men in the service to turn over to him such letters from them as | get underway Tuesday morning at they can spare. He will see that they 10 o'clock, and he says that he would are preserved for their historical interest in later years, whereas most of them may become lost or destroyed if they remain in individual hands.

### Say County Unable To Finance Needed Improvements Now

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 inthem disagree with the premise in ple of the county would rather have buildings, under present circum-

which would have rectified most of much of her life.

of the war. Under state law, the county cannot borrow more than two-thirds of the work for the Norfolk Southern Railamount of bonds it has retired dur- road. ing the preceding year. That is, without a vote of the people, and the county officials are so certain a proposed bond issue-for any purpose whatever-would be defeated that they do not even consider putting it

It is pointed out that the county had little credit in recent years un-(See COMMENT, Page 6)

#### 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. Mr. Manning is planning to attend the sessions of the committee, which will like to have two or three county farmers go with him to the annual meeting. He has room for them in

A brilliant list of speakers is on the program for the two-day session, Representative Henry B. chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency and author of the \$5,000 guaranteed deposit law, who will be introduced by Representative Harold Cooley, of this state. Other featured speakers include J. B. Hutson, an authority on tobacco; Governor Broughton, Theodore S. Johnson, State Director of the OPA; and officials of the AAA

The meeting will be streamlined to

# 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. The young man was a seaman on the cruiser "Juneau," sunk in mid-November during the naval battle with the Japanese near Guad-

#### Mrs. J. T. Spencer, Higher Tax Rate Would Be Necessary To Carry Out 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 crease in the tax rate. And all of Memorial hospital there. Mrs. Spencer had suffered from nephritis for the grand jury report that the peo- about a year and a Lalf, although she was not confined to her bed during a higher tax rate than improved all of that time; an i pneumonia followed by uremic poisoning was given as the immediate cause of her death. It is cited that present county of- | She had been to the hospital several ficials, as well as school authorities, times during the past year for transhave made every effort to perma- fusions, but her condition was not nently remedy inadequate school fa- considered critical until Saturday - lithout increasing the tax and her passing came as a decided Il and winter of 1941 shock to relatives, and friends in a comprehensive program was agreed washington County, of which she upon, in cooperation with the WPA, was a native and where she had lived

the conditions about which complaint | Mrs. Spencer was born at Roper is made. At that time the county on December 30, 1890, the daughter some \$50,000, to build a new build- Benjamin Franklin Bailey. She ating in Plymouth, repair the high tended the Roper schools and after Then the war began and all build- She taught school for a number of ing was banned. These projects are years, at Oak Grove, White Oak and Roper in this county, and also at cessarily abandoned for the duration Stokes and Belhaven. After giving up teaching, she attended a Norfolk given two years on the roads by Rebusiness college and later did office

> In 1919 she was married to Mr. Spencer, who is dockmaster at Colonna's shipyard in Norfolk, and who, trolman M. B. Stewart, who suspecwith one son and two daughters, sur- ted something was wrong when he vives her. Her son, James Thomas saw Barrow with a big bag on his Spencer, jr., 22, is a student at the back walking along Highway 64 in Bowman Gray School of Medicine of the western part of town. He started Wake Forest College at Winston- an investigation which resulted in Salem; while the two daughters, Barrow confessing that he had broken Misses Frances Spencer, 18, and into the store of James Hardison and Norma Spencer, 16, live at the home stolen a number of articles conin Norfolk. She is also survived by tained in the bag. her mother, Mrs. Sarah F. Bailey, of Roper; and by two brothers, form-Plymouth; and Dr. Clarence W. en out of the front window. Mr. and bedside when the end came.

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 Sprugeon Memorial church Tuesday. It was largely attended and there was a very profuse floral offering. William Shields, room-mate of her son canned goods, 18 pads notebook paat the medical school in Winston-Salem, sang two tenor solos, "Abide With Me," and "The Lord's Prayer," during the service. Interment was Dealers May Apply made in the family plot at Riverside Cemetery in Norfolk.

#### **Seed-Feed Loans Again Available**

Farmers who wish to apply for emergency feed and seed loands for 1943 are advised to make their applications as early as possible. Miss Martha Hornthal, at the office of W. R. Hampton. 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

# To Be Erected Here

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. R. W. Tetterton, contractor for the job, now has a full crew of workmen at work and expects to finish the structure within about 10 working days, he said 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. There will be a 3-foot observation walk entirely around the room, and the walk will be sheltered by an overhanging roof. Completely enclosed, the room itself will have windows about four feet from the floor entirely around it, giving a full range of vision in all directions. 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 ladie from 8 in the morning until 8 at night, with the men taking over and remaining on duty until 8 the following morning. It is planned to divide the watches into two or fourhour periods, depending on the number of volunteers.

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. It is hoped to have the post in operation within the next two weeks

### For Robbery Store is made. At that time the county on December 30, 1890, the daughter was prepared to put up its share, of Mrs. Sarah F. Bailey and the late Here Friday Night High School in 1936, Lieutenant Jor- It is not yet known what course will dan attended the Porter Military

Captured By Patrolman Before Store Owner Knew He Had Been Robbed

Negro originally from Fairfield, was corder 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 Pa-

After picking up Barrow, the officers went to the Hardison store, er State Senator Carl L. Bailey, of where he found a piece of glass brokmembers of the family were at her of the store building, but did not For many years Mrs. Spencer was bed until after they were awakened Some of the property in the bag was positively identified by Mr. Hardison, and Barrow was held for trial at Reorder's court Tuesday.

The bag of loot carried by Barrow when he was arrested included several boxes crackers, ladies hose, men's sox, work gloves, 12 cartons of cigar- that the total call will be for 42 men, o'clock, when all phases of the price ettes, 6 plugs chewing tobacco, combs. per, some ice cream and 270 pennies.

# For Stock of Tires

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 1, II and III tires and tubes Applications should be made to the district OPA office on OPA Form No R-54, it was stated. The district office for this section is located in Ra-

The recappable, repairable and usable tires and tubes mentioned above will come from the stock accumulated recently when all motorists in the country 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

### Work Is in Progress Draft Board To Send On Observation Post 61 Men From County Should Be Completed and 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. He is a graduate of Plymouth High School.

#### Hugh Fagan Jordan Gets Commission at West Point Tuesday

Son of Mr. and J. F. Jordan, tered with and is being inducted for 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 Negro Gets 2 Years Dardens. Immediately upon graduation he received his commission as second lieutenant in the Army Air

After graduating from Plymouth taken from deferred classifications. dan attended the Porter Military be pursued when the present list of 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 report next Tuesday morning are as School at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, follows: (v denotes volunteer James Willis Barrow, 21-year-old N. Y., and studied at State College in Raleigh. He received his appointment in 1938 to the United States Military Academy from the present States, Lindsay C. Warren, then representative from the First North Carolina District 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 the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast ing Guard in addition to the 35 wanted by the Army; or if the total would be 42 for the four branches of the mili-

leaving next Tuesday.

rather than 77.

### 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 dur-

ing 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 Creswel, with 9; Mackeys, with 2; and Wenona, with 1. The other man is Leon Wilson Clifton, formerly a resident of the Creswell section, who was regisa 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 available is exhausted. Quite a number of married men are included in the contingent to leave next Tuesday. Those who have received notice to From Plymouth: 18-19-20-year-

(See DRAFT LIST, Page 6)

### 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 this week that its February quota of W. T. Freeman, who comprise the white men had been raised 20 per membership of the price-ceiling panel cent to care for requirements of the of the local war price and rationing Bailey, of Rocky Mount. All of the Mrs. Hardison live in the rear part Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, board, held their organizational meet-The original call for the month was ing last week. Mr. Bailey was electknow that the store had been rob- for 35 men to leave on February 5 ed chairman and such information for the Army. Mrs. Eliza Hamp- as was available dealing with the an ardent member of Sprugeon and told about it by the patrolman. ton Daniel, clerk to the board, said administration and enforcement of the instructions were not clear as to price ceiling regulations was diswhether 42 men would be called for cussed by the group at its first meet-

Local merchants are receiving invitations to attend a meeting to be held at the courthouse in Williamtary service. It is believed however, ston Friday night of this week, at 8 ceiling regulations will be discussed The board also has a call on hand at length by specialist in various for 25 colored men to leave Febru- fields. Price regulations and interary 18 for the Army. This quota was pretations for all types of retail busnot affected by the 20 per cent in- iness will be explained, and all the crease. The original quota of 75 merchants of the county are urged white men called up in January was to attend. The meeting is being held educed 20 per cent to 60. They are in Williamston for merchants of Martin and Washington Counties.

### 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 Scuppernong 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 one-third of the Plymouth Township taxpayers had listed, about 29 per cent in Skinnersville, approximately 25 per cent in Lees Mill, and well over half in Scup-

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.

### **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 in-

spection periods reduced. Car owners who have A gaso line ration books have until March 31 to have their first inspection made, with subsequent inspections to be made every six months. Those with B ration books must have their first inspection made by February 28

four months. Those with C or bulk ration books must have the initial inspection made by February 28 and subsequent inspections every three months.

The change was made in order to adopt a staggered schedule of inspections to avoid overlapping of the inspection periods. This will greatly relieve the inspection load now placed on the official tire inspection stations and, likewise, will permit the vehicle owner to comply more conveniently with inspection requirements.

and other organizations.

a strictly business session dedicated to the theme "Food a Vital Weapon in the Struggle for Freedom." Mr. Manning is anxious to have a representative group from this county and especially would like to take at least two county farmers with him. Those who are interested in going are asked to get in touch with Mr. Manning.