

New Rilling permanent wave and drying machines have been installed recently at the Virginia Dare Beauty Salon here, and all the old machines have been overhauled and put in first-class condition. It was announced by the owner, Miss Virginia Cahoon, this week.

Technical Sergeant W. Ronald Gaylord and Mrs. Gaylord arrived in Plymouth Tuesday night from Las Vegas, N. Mex., where Sergeant Gaylord has been stationed. He is leaving the latter part of this week for a new post at West Palm Beach, Fla., while Mrs. Gaylord will remain in Plymouth. Mr. Gaylord received his promotion to technical sergeant about two weeks ago.

W. L. Whitley, chairman of the Washington County rationing board, said yesterday that in the future any person who allowed his tire certificate to lapse would be refused a renewal of it. These certificates must be used within 30 days after they are issued. When kept longer than 30 days, it means that the county quota is reduced by that much, as renewal must be made against the current month's quota, and the unused portion of any quota cannot be carried over.

Lieutenant William Hays, son of County Agent and Mrs. W. V. Hays, was a visitor here yesterday. Lieutenant Hays is stationed at Wilmington, Del., with the Army Air Forces Air Transport Command.

It is announced that any registrants who may wish to go before the draft board to request deferment, change of classification, or for any other purpose, must make arrangements in advance and be assigned a definite time to appear. They may apply for this by mail or in person to the clerk of the board, Mrs. Eliza Daniel, and they will be notified when to appear for hearing.

Chairman W. L. Whitley, of the rationing board, said yesterday that applications for four or more new tires for automobiles would not be given consideration in the future. Mr. Whitley said the board had ruled that it was not possible for all four tires on any one car to wear out at the same time, and therefore it would reject such applications forthwith. The secretary to the board is now empowered to grant requests for retreads, but applications for new tires must be considered by the whole board.

## No Violations of Ban On Pleasure Driving Reported in County

Board Is Advised That No Relief Is in Sight for Gasoline Users

At the office of the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board this week, it was stated that no immediate relief for the gasoline and fuel-oil shortage was in sight for residents of the East Coast States. In fact, a letter from regional headquarters of the Office of Price Administration states that every automobile driver must effect a reduction in the amount of his driving by using his car only when absolutely necessary. It goes on to advise local boards that it is better to issue too little gasoline than too much, and the local authorities are advised to answer "no" in most cases when queries are addressed to them about the pleasure driving ban.

So far, no violations of the pleasure driving regulations have been cited to the Washington County Board, although numerous summonses have been issued in surrounding counties. Twenty alleged violators were given a hearing before the Martin County board last Monday night, and several had their gasoline ration stamps suspended from 30 to 60 days. State officials were on hand and warned the violators that a second offense would mean cancellation of all gasoline ration stamps for the duration of the war. Similar action is being taken in other counties, and it is evident that the regulations are to be strictly enforced until the situation is eased somewhat.

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## Fertilizer Will Be Available This Year For Cucumbers for Pickling Purposes

The local Department of Agriculture War Board has been notified that fertilizer will be allowed for the production of cucumbers grown for pickling purposes. The earlier proposed reduction in acreage of cucumbers does not apply to cucumbers for pickling process purposes. Such acreage will be subject only to local facilities for harvesting, transporting and processing the crop, it is said.

Food Production Order No. 5 reads: "On and after January 18, 1943, no fertilizer manufacturer, dealer or agent shall deliver any fertilizer containing chemical nitrogen for use on melon or cucumber crops, except where grown specifically for seed production, or, in the case of cucumbers, where grown for processing; and no person, includ-

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## Good Books Wanted for Men in Armed Service; Contributions Are Requested

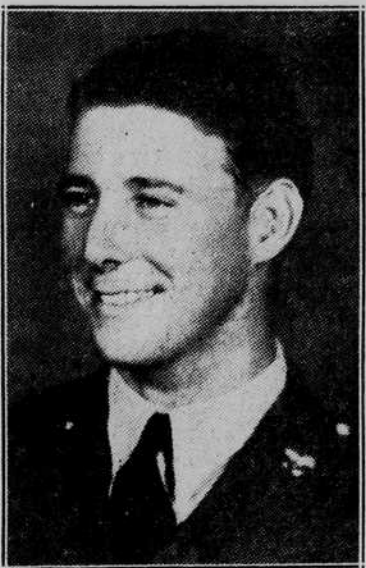
According to an announcement by Mrs. W. H. Smith, chairman of the Victory Book Campaign in Washington County, only five books have been received although the drive has been in progress nearly a week. The purpose of the Victory Book Campaign is to furnish high-grade literature to the men in the armed forces. Men in small outposts far removed from library facilities need the help to mood which the reading of good books can give.

Patriotic citizens of Wash-

ington county are urged to search their bookshelves at home for books that would be enjoyed by the men in service and bring the books to the Norman Furniture Store. From there they will be sent to the headquarters at Raleigh and then directly to the men in service.

Remember, "any book you really want to keep is a good one to give." Old magazines, textbooks, reference books, and cheap dime novels are not wanted. Good westerns, mysteries and popular novels will be greatly appreciated.

## GETS DECORATION



Augustus R. ("Boots") Patrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Patrick, of near Roper, last week received the Army Air Medal for "meritorious achievement while in aerial flight." He is stationed "somewhere in the Middle East."

## Newkirk Reelected Head Local Union By Pulp Workers

Other Officers and Trustees Named at Election Held Recently

Officers for the coming year were elected recently and installed Monday night by Local No. 356, International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers. J. H. Newkirk was reelected president to head the organization for the year, and James E. Mizelle was reelected secretary. New officers were elected for the various other posts as follows:

W. D. Walker, vice president, succeeding A. R. Modlin; J. D. Cruickshank, treasurer, succeeding W. D. Walker; Luke A. Daniels, guard, succeeding H. D. Peele; and Francis J. Hohl, H. D. Peele and Bonnie W. Coburn, trustees, succeeding A. C. Blount, L. M. Mooney, and A. R. Modlin.

The officers were elected to serve until January 1, next year. Due to unavoidable conditions, the election of officers this year was delayed for about three weeks.

The local union, composed of workmen at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company here, has had a most successful year, according to the officers. Improved working conditions have been secured by negotiation, and the membership has shown an increase of about 20 per cent in the 12-month period. The Pulp and Sulphite Workers local now has about 400 members, making it the largest of the five local unions here. A subsidiary, Local No. 356-A, composed of colored workmen at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company, is now conducting its selection, and officers for the current year will be announced soon, it was stated.

## Plan To Have Plane Spotting Post Here Finished Next Week

Air Force Officer To Hold Meet Thursday If Post Is Completed

Work is going forward rapidly on the aircraft observation post here, although bad weather put a halt to operations yesterday. The tower itself has been erected, the stairway built, and the standing timbers put up for the house. About all that remains is the installation of doors and windows, weatherboarding, roofing, and finishing. Contractor Robert L. Tetterton estimated that the entire job would require about 10 working days.

P. W. Brown, district air raid warden, said today that tentative plans had been made to have a meeting of all volunteer observers and other interested persons at the courthouse here Thursday night of next week at 8 o'clock. Lieutenant R. E. Manchee and a group of soldiers from Norfolk will attend, and a motion picture showing the operation of the aircraft warning service will be shown. This meeting is contingent upon the post here being completed at that time, Mr. Brown said; and should it not be completed then, the meeting will very likely be postponed.

Ted Blount, chief observer, has secured about 100 volunteers to man the post, and a schedule will be worked out for beginning operation of the post within another week. More volunteers are sought, and Mr. Blount hopes to secure 200 to 300, if possible. Having a large number will distribute the work so that it will not be burdensome to anyone. Those who wish to help are requested to give their names to Mr. Blount.

If arrangements are completed and the post is ready to be put into operation next week, Mr. Brown urges every volunteer to attend the meeting at the courthouse here Thursday, February 4th. The public is also cordially invited.

## County Bond Sales At New High Total

January will be one of the best months yet for War Bond sales in Washington County, incomplete reports tabulated here this week indicate. With a county quota of \$25,410 for the month, more than \$70,000 worth of series E bonds have already been sold at the post office and bank here. To be added to this amount are bonds sold in Creswell and Roper, according to H. E. Beam, county chairman of war bond sales.

In actual figures, the bank up to yesterday had sold \$57,400 worth of bonds, while sales at the post office stood right at \$15,000, for a total of \$72,400 for the month. In addition to these bonds, the bank here had sold \$20,000 worth of series F bonds and \$200 worth of series G. Although these latter two classes of bonds are not credited against the county's quota, the maturity value of all U. S. securities sold here so far during the month stands at \$92,600.

When bond sales at Creswell and Roper and stamp sales are figured in, more than \$100,000 will be represented. Stamp sales at the local post office alone are said to be running around \$2,000 weekly. Postmaster John W. Darden said yesterday.

## Few Peanuts Germinate Better Than 40 Per Cent

Many peanut farmers of the county are sending sample lots of their seed peanuts to the testing laboratory at Raleigh to determine the percentage of germination. Out of 200 lots tested, a state college official said that only one showed better than 40 per cent germination, according to County Agent W. V. Hays.

The extremely wet season late last year is believed to have seriously damaged peanuts for seed purposes, and it is recommended that sample lots be tested for germination before planting, especially where the growers plan to use peanuts they produced themselves. It may be necessary to secure seed peanuts produced in other sections in order to secure a stand this year, according to some men who have had much experience with this product.

## Steps Being Taken To Enforce Ceiling Prices in County

Regulations Explained To Many Retailers at Meet In Williamston

Carl L. Bailey, W. T. Freeman and J. E. Westray, members of the price-celling panel of the local War Price and Rationing Board, headed a delegation of some 20 or 25 merchants, garagemen, and other local business men who attended the price-celling meeting held in the courthouse at Williamston last Friday night. District and state representative of the OPA price ceiling division were on hand to explain the regulations to the 300 Martin and Washington County retailers present.

In general, the news outlined by the specialists was bad. While the price-celling plan permits most retailers to make a living, any great amount of profits are definitely out for the duration, it was declared, and if a business man feels he cannot make a living under the new regulations it was stated that he might just as well close his doors now, because there was little apparent relief in sight for individual hardship cases.

The foundation for the price control structure is based on prices prevailing in March, 1942, although in many cases current prices may be based on current costs plus a specified percentage of profit, it was explained. The procedure for arriving at ceiling prices other than those prevailing in March of last year, is somewhat complicated for the various articles on which increases have been permitted, but information about them may be obtained from members of the local price ceiling panel.

The price-celling panel here is arranging files and preparing to enter upon enforcement work very shortly. Carl L. Bailey, chairman, said yesterday. A complete file will be carried on each retailer or other business affected by price ceilings in this county, and it will require some time to get the records set up.

March price lists, covering every retail item, should have been posted and filed in the office of the county war price and rationing board several months ago; and in those cases where none have been filed OPA officials at the Williamston meeting urged the merchants to "get their houses in order at once." "If these price lists are not filed immediately, they will be demanded, and violation of the regulations is certain to be checked," it was stated. According to the OPA representative, there are numerous investigators, and once the merchants learn what they are supposed to do and fail to comply with the regulations, they can expect the worst.

The retailers and others were directed to appeal to the price ceiling board in the county when they were not sure about anything connected with the program. If the answers cannot be had there, they will be furnished by district or state offices.

## 35 County Men To Leave for Army on Friday Next Week

16 From Plymouth; 8 From Creswell; 7 From Roper; 2 From Wenona

Before the January quota of white men called from this county by the Army had hardly left town Tuesday, the local selective service board was busy getting out notices to 35 more men, who are scheduled to report at 9 o'clock Friday morning of next week, February 5, to go to Fort Bragg for the final physical and mental tests to determine their fitness to serve with the armed forces.

In the contingent leaving next week, Plymouth is called on to furnish 16 men; Creswell is second with 8; Roper third with 7; Wenona, 2; Mackays 1; and one man is now living in Newport News. Following is the complete list to leave February 5: From Plymouth: Dallas Roland

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## Must Keep Draft Card on Person

All men in North Carolina between the ages of 18 and 45 who have been subject to Selective Service registration for as long as six months and who do not have classification cards are advised to get in touch with their local boards at once.

General J. Van B. Metts, State director of Selective Service yesterday pointed out that after February 1 any man in this age group who does not have in his personal possession his classification card (form 57), as well as his certificate of registration, is liable to fine or imprisonment, or both, Metts pointed out.

Registrants in the 45-to-65-year-old group are not affected by the order.

## County-Wide Sign-Up by Farmers of War Goals Set for Friday and Saturday

Friday and Saturday of this week, January 29 and 30, have been set for a county-wide sign-up by farmers for their war production plans for the year 1943. It was announced yesterday by the office of County Agent W. V. Hays. All farmers of the county are urged to meet their respective community committees at one of three designated places for the sign-up.

Committeemen will be at the following places to assist in signing up the farmers: Scuppernon

Township, at W. D. Phelps' store in Creswell; Lees Mill Township, at Barton Swain's store in Roper; and Plymouth Township, at the agricultural building in Plymouth.

It is stated that possible deferments of farmers and farm workers by the selective service board will be based on the information contained in the farm plans. The number of acres of various crops will be shown, as well as the necessary units for deferment.

## Must List Property for Taxation by Saturday

## No Extension Time For Listing Will Be Granted This Year

Work Probably Two-Thirds Completed in County as Whole So Far

With tax listing throughout Washington County scheduled to end Saturday of this week, there are still many hundreds of property owners who have not listed. Tax Supervisor Ed. F. Swain, of Creswell, said here Wednesday. The county commissioners have announced that no extension of time will be granted for late listings, which means that many are going to be subject to penalties for failure to list during the month of January.

Supervisor Swain said yesterday that Scuppernon Township was still well out in front in the percentage of tax listers who had put their property on the books up to that time. Mr. Belanga, the list taker for that section, estimated that 75 per cent or more had listed, while 60 per cent is the best answer given by the other three townships.

It is possible that the percentages of those listing may be larger than generally thought by the list takers, since many men have gone into various branches of the military service and are not here to list. Mr. Swain said that it was difficult to estimate just how many there were in this class, but the number may be considerable. As many of those who have gone into the Army only listed poll taxes, their absence will represent a net loss of several hundred dollars in tax revenue.

Mrs. Hermine Ramsey is list taker for Plymouth Township, and she is in her office from 9 to 5 every day, including Saturdays. Other list takers are: E. M. Chesson, for Lees Mill Township; W. W. White, Skippersville; and P. B. Belanga, Scuppernon.

Mrs. M. W. Spruill is also at Mrs. Ramsey's office here for the purpose of listing the property of residents of the town of Plymouth.

## County Man Gets Army Decoration

Announcement was made in Cairo, Egypt, last week that Egerant Augustus R. Patrick son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Parker, of near Roper, was one of 458 flying officers and men who were awarded decorations recently by Brigadier General Patrick Timberlake, chief of the American Bomber Command in the Middle East.

Sergeant Patrick is 21 years of age. Better known as "Boots" Patrick, he is a graduate of the Creswell High School and has been in the Army Air Service since July, 1940.

Sergeant Patrick received the Army Air Medal "in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight—while having participated in 100 hours of operational flight against the enemy." He was one of 14 officers and men of the Ninth Air Force who received the Air Medal from General Timberlake.

## Sergeant Leslie B. Spruill Lauded in General Orders

Master Sergeant Leslie B. Spruill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan W. Spruill, of near Roper, recently received special commendation in a general order issued by his commanding officer for the work he is doing with the Army "somewhere in West Africa."

Sergeant Spruill recently sent a copy of the commendation in a letter to his parents. In it he is commended "For being most active in the establishment of efficient disbursing offices under the most trying circumstances at this and other West African stations," also "For volunteering repeatedly for work other than his regularly assigned duties without thought of recompense."

The citation states that a copy is to be sent to the Adjutant General and that it will also be entered in the sergeant's permanent record.

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## Over Half of Group Which Left Tuesday Accepted by Army

25 To Return To Fort Bragg Next Wednesday; 18 Rejected

Over half of the 49 men who left the county Tuesday for Fort Bragg were accepted for service in the Army, it was learned last night, when most of them returned. The exact number accepted and rejected is unknown, as several were held over for further examination, but at least 25 were accepted and at least 18 rejected, with the status of the other 6 men in doubt at this time.

The 25 who were accepted returned for their 7-day furlough, and they have orders to report back in Plymouth next Wednesday morning, when they will return to Fort Bragg to begin active service. At least one other man was accepted and decided not to take the furlough, while several were held over for further examination.

The 25 men definitely accepted are: Samuel Arthur Boutwell, Delbert LeRoy Bateman, Robert Winton Bowen, James Henry Stynes, William Leon Dunbar, Daniel Ray Jones, Jr., Edgar Samuel Stillman, Cyril Caswell Spruill, Austin Albert Jett, Robert Costello Wills, Clifford Eugene Frymier, Howard Mitchell Ange, Erwin Brantley Oliver, William Joseph Stynes, William David Stynes, Preston Woodley Sexton, Burgess Wood Galt, Jr., Dewey Mahew Spruill, Thomas Ayldett Patrick, Norman Justice Seldomridge, Burnie Emsley Furlough, Webb Jones, Jr., Mahlon Satterthwaite Moore, James Harry Skidmore, Archie James Nash.

The 18 men known to have been rejected are: Eric Wilbur Spruill, Alston Lee Bodwell, George Terence Barden, Outless Elwood Spruill, Sylvester Ernest Williams, Joseph Warren Arps, Warren Rankin Ambrose, Louis Wieland Zeigler, Ashley Johnson Woodley, Parris Jack Frymier, Nathan Edward Allen, William Douglas Gurkin, James Henderson Clifton, John Edward Davis, Robert Edward Manning, Jake Benjamin Paul, Leon Wilson Clifton, and Charles Donovan Bratten, Jr.

The status of the following men is uncertain; some of them were held over and at least one was accepted but did not take the furlough: James Asa Rodgers, Simon Roderick Roebuck, Haywood Leroy Spruill, Elmer Henry Harris, James Edward Arrant and Henry Edward Clark.

## Bill Darden Is Promoted For Conduct Under Fire

Announcement was made Tuesday by the Navy Department that William Robert Darden, formerly of Plymouth, was one of 16 men who were given promotions for meritorious conduct aboard an Allied vessel "entering an African port under heavy fire." His wife, Mrs. Melba Ruth Gurkin Darden of Brinkley Avenue, said today that Mr. Darden has been promoted to fireman first class. It is presumed that the action in which he won his promotion took place during the initial landing of Allied troops in French West Africa early in November.

Mr. Darden is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Darden, also of Plymouth. He enlisted in the Navy last April and received his "boot" training in Norfolk. He then went to New York, where he remained for two months before going to Scotland. After six weeks in the latter place he was sent to North Africa.

## E. B. Spence, 75, Dies At Home Near Creswell

Creswell.—E. B. Spence, 75, died at his home near here Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock after being taken seriously ill on Thursday afternoon.

A native of Hyde County Mr. Spence had lived in Washington County for the last 30 years where he was an active farmer up until his death.

Surviving are: three daughters, Mrs. Irene Felts, Mrs. Mary Epps and Miss Margaret Spencer of Washington, D. C.; three sons, Jones Spencer and Jack Spencer of Creswell and Private Hubbard Spencer of Fort Bragg.

## Four New Members To Be Initiated at Meeting of Roper Ruritans Next Week

The Roper Ruritan Club will hold its next meeting Thursday of next week, February 4, at 8 p. m., it was announced by officers this week. A large attendance is expected, and four new members will be received into the club at that time. The new members are: Mack Marrow, R. A. Dorsey, E. E. Lyle and Jasper Swain.

At the following regular meeting of the club, March 4, at least five more new members are to be initiated, as follows: E. M. Chesson, Russell Chesson, Roy Hassell, J. C. Knowles and S. A. Holton. The club is hoping to have 50 members by spring.

Wade Hardison and Henry Ev-

rett recently returned after attending the Ruritan national convention in Richmond, Va. They stated that the Roper club was recognized there as one of the leading Ruritan organizations for its size town. Governor Colgate W. Darden, of Virginia, was one of the principal speakers at the Richmond meeting, and he was very complimentary in his remarks about the type of work being done by the Ruritan organization.

Anyone in the Roper section who is interested in becoming a member of the club there is invited to get in touch with a member and attend a meeting. An excellent dinner and an interesting meeting is assured.