

A banquet will be given at the Legion Hall here Friday night of next week, February 12, for members of the Plymouth High School band and a number of invited guests.

S. Thompson and Abe Adler were in New York and other northern centers last week, seeking to purchase their spring merchandise. They said goods were difficult to obtain; and, although they placed numerous orders, they are doubtful as to how much will actually be delivered to them.

The Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association will hold its February meeting in the school auditorium here Wednesday afternoon of next week at 3:45, according to Mrs. W. V. Hays, president. All members of the association, especially the parents, are urged to attend.

Lieut. W. Blount Rodman, formerly associated with Z. V. Norman in the practice of law here, is not an artillery instructor as reported here several weeks ago. He is serving with a regular unit of the field artillery at Fort Sill, Okla., Battery E, 18th F. A.

Brinson Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cox here, is now at the Navy primary flying school at the University of South Carolina, Columbia. He is receiving dual flying instruction and writes that he enjoys flying more than anything he has ever done. He asks all his friends here to write to him.

The month of January was the best in the history of the town for tax collections, according to Chief of Police P. W. Brown. Mr. Brown collected over \$10,500 during the period, or approximately one-third of the total levy. Total collections of 1942 taxes now stand at \$16,000, he said.

If the groundhog came out Tuesday, February 2, at noon, he certainly saw his shadow, which means that this section is in for 40 days of bad weather, according to the old saying. Tuesday had more the appearance of a spring day than a mid-winter; and householders whose fuel supply is running low are certainly hoping there isn't anything to the groundhog tradition.

Old tooth paste and shaving cream tubes, collected by local druggists and other retailers, should be sent to wholesalers, who will in turn deliver them to the Tin Salvage Institute, according to F. Bruce Bateman, Civilian Defense Chairman here. An old tube must be turned in whenever a new tube is bought, and many local retailers have collected a big supply without knowing what to do with it.

A few herrings, first of the 1943 run in Roanoke River were caught at Jamesville last week, presaging the opening of a fishing season. This does not mean as much in this section as it did in former years, when millions of Roanoke herring were caught at the Hampton Fisheries, located just above the pulp mill. The fisheries have not been operated for several years now.

Special Service for Lions Sunday Night

Members of the Plymouth Lions Club are to be special guests at the Methodist church Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. Special music will be furnished by the choir and the Rev. O. L. Hardwick, the pastor, will preach on some civic subject. All members of the Lions Club and their families will occupy the center section of the church auditorium.

The Rev. Mr. Hardwick will preach a short sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday morning on "The Mind of Christ." The public is cordially invited to attend all services, both morning and evening.

Band To Give Concert Here On February 26th

L. W. Zeigler, director of the Plymouth High School Band, announced yesterday that plans are being made for a free public concert to be given at the courthouse here on Friday night, February 26, at 8 p. m. The program to be presented will feature the different songs of the various branches of the armed services.

Delinquent Retailers Advised To File Ceiling-Price Schedules Immediately

Retail merchants of Washington County are advised by War Price and Rationing Board officials to get their price-ceiling schedules into the hands of the board as soon as possible. The panel which has charge of enforcing and checking compliance with price-ceiling regulations, composed of Carl L. Bailey, chairman, W. T. Freeman and J. E. Westray, is setting up files for each retailer in the county and taking other necessary steps before beginning its work.

It is stated that a great many retailers have not yet filed their original schedules of price ceilings, which was supposed to have been done last year; and, while every consideration will be given those who have failed to file, it should be done in the immediate future to avoid complications. In addition to the original schedules, retailers are supposed to file supplemental lists each month covering items added during the preceding month.

Total Value of All War Bonds Sold in County Last Month in Excess \$100,000

In maturity value, the sale of U. S. Government securities in Washington County last month was over \$100,000, although all of this amount will not be credited against the county War Bond quota for the month. H. E. Beam, county chairman of bond sales, yesterday reported that the sale of series E War Bonds for the month amounted to \$62,006.25, issue price, and \$82,700 maturity value. In addition, series F bonds maturing at \$20,000 (issue price, \$14,200) were sold and \$200 worth of series

G bonds. Only the series E bonds are credited to the county quota for the month, which was \$25,410. Maturity value of all bonds sold totaled \$102,900. Included in the totals above were Roper sales of \$2,100, maturity value, and Creswell sales of \$4,900, also maturity value, all of them series E bonds. January sales were the highest on record for any single month since war was declared. In addition, War Stamp sales at the Plymouth post office are averaging about \$2,000 weekly.

Regular Meeting of County Board Held Here Last Monday

Routine Business Transacted; Fix Compensation Of Tax Listers

Routine business was the order of the day at the monthly meeting of the county commissioners here last Monday. Chairman of the Board Ernest G. Arps was back on the job after being out last month on account of illness, and the other two commissioners, J. C. Knowles, of Roper, and H. W. Pritchett, of Creswell, were also on hand.

A. T. C. Holmes was allowed \$3 for a sheep killed by a dog. Lawrence Hornabue, John Curling and Joseph Hornabue appeared as witnesses for Mr. Holmes, and the commissioners arrived at \$3 as a fair price by checking back on the tax books and allowing one-third more than the valuation placed on the animal when it was listed for taxation.

The county agent's report for January was presented by W. V. Hays.

The board approved the employment of a clerk to record a number of instruments left in the office of the clerk of the superior court before the present officer took charge. Pay of the clerk was fixed at \$60 per month.

The commissioners decided on compensation of tax listers at \$5 per day for the actual number of days spent in listing during the month of January. No extension of time was granted for late listers this year.

3 Children Slightly Hurt Last Week in School Bus Accident

One Bus Stops To Let Off Passengers, Rammed by Another Trailing

Three children were injured, none seriously, last Thursday afternoon, when two school buses, operating out of the Roper school, were involved in an accident near Pleasant Grove, on highway 64. So far as can be learned here today, all of those injured are recovering in a satisfactory manner.

According to Highway Patrolman M. B. Stewart, who investigated the accident, one of the buses was trailing the other and rammed into the back of the front bus when it stopped to let some of its passengers off. Ruth Gurganus was thrown against the iron railing at the back of the driver's seat and hurt about the neck. Her sister, Lucy Gurganus, suffered an abrasion on the head, and Alice Marie Davenport was bruised about the nose and face. All three were passengers on the second bus.

The patrolman said the front bus, driven by Thomas Franklin Davenport, had made all the proper signals for stopping; while the driver of the second bus; John Speight Lilly, said the brakes on his bus failed to hold, which caused his vehicle to ram the one in front. The buses were not seriously damaged. The accident occurred in front of the home of M. S. Phelps, where the front bus had stopped to let several children get off.

Blackout Signals To Be Changed 17th by Order General Drum

2-Minute Steady Blast To Herald Alert; Other Regulations

Uniform regulations governing blackouts and air-raid warnings have been set up for the Eastern Military Area, which embraces North Carolina, by order of Lieutenant General Hugh A. Drum, commanding general of the Eastern Defense Command and the First Army. The regulations become effective at 12:01 a. m. Wednesday, February 17, and will cause several changes in existing regulations in the Plymouth area.

The principal changes deal with the method of signaling alerts and blackouts to the public here. Three types of signals are provided, the mobilization and blackout (Blue) signal; the air raid (Red) signal; and the all clear (White) signal. Chief Air Raid Warden P. W. Brown outlines them as follows:

The "Blue" signal, calling for mobilization and blackout, will be a steady long note on the fire siren, lasting approximately two minutes. Upon sounding of this signal, civilian defense forces will mobilize, house and street lights will be extinguished if at night, traffic is permitted to move slowly with headlights at low or depressed beam, and pedestrians will be allowed to continue movement.

The "Red" or air raid signal will be sounded by short blasts of the fire siren, or rising and falling notes, continuing for approximately two minutes. This calls for complete blackout, cars must be pulled to curb, halted and lights extinguished. Pedestrians must take shelter at nearest house, and streets must be clear of all traffic.

The "White," or all-clear signal, will be given by turning on street lights. It is stated that the "Red" or "Blue" signal may be sounded at any time, and local people are advised to be able to recognize them immediately. The "blue" signal will be a steady two-minute blast of the siren and means that a partial blackout is in force, although traffic and pedestrians may continue to move. The "red" signal, two minutes of rising and falling notes or short blasts of the siren, calls for total blackout and cessation of all traffic. It is stated that the "blue" signal may precede the "red" signal, although this is not true in all cases; but in all cases the "red" signal will be followed by a "blue" signal before the all-clear is given.

The above ruling may be confusing at first, but it simply means that after the "red" signal has been sounded for total blackout, the "all-clear" will not be sounded until after a period of partial blackout, signaled by the "blue," or steady note signal.

In the past the sounding of the siren during a blackout meant "all clear." In the future, the sounding of the steady note on the siren during a total blackout means that traffic and pedestrians may resume movement, but house lights must remain off and a partial blackout is in force until the street lights are turned on again, heralding the "all clear." Since an unexpected test blackout is likely to be called in this section at any time, Civilian Defense officials urge all local people to familiarize themselves with the various signals listed above in order that they may be ready.

Negro Stabbed in Affray Saturday

Joe Lassiter, colored, was critically stabbed and cut by John Wesley Brown, also colored, following an argument in front of Aaron Cooper's Cafe on Monroe Street last Saturday night about 10:30. Lassiter was removed to a Rocky Mount hospital, and was last reported to be in a critical condition, while Brown was arrested at his home a short time after the affray by Sheriff J. K. Reid and Policeman George Coburn and is being held without bond, pending the outcome of Lassiter's injuries. The cause of the fight could not be learned. Neither man had been drinking, the officers said. Lassiter was stabbed in the chest and the lower part of his lung completely severed, according to reports.

Building and Loan Office Here Moved To Town Building

Moye W. Spruill Is Again Secretary; To Offer New Savings Plan Soon

Due to the fact that her income-tax service is demanding most of her time, Miss Martha Hornthal this week resigned as secretary and treasurer of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association; and the directors, in a special meeting Tuesday, elected Moye W. Spruill to succeed her. Mr. Spruill had previously served as secretary of the association from the time it was organized in 1937 until last spring.

Effective immediately, the office and records of the association are being moved from Miss Hornthal's office to the city clerk's office in the municipal building. All installment payments and other transactions related to the association will be made at the municipal building in the future.

Auditors from the State Insurance Department and the Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corporation are here this week to make their annual audit of the affairs of the association. They declare that the financial affairs of the association are in splendid shape and that it is functioning on a satisfactory and sound basis. Despite the loss of revenue occasioned by cessation of all building activities due to the war, the association has materially increased its assets in the past 12 months. It is understood that a new type of savings program will be launched at the regular meeting of the directors next Wednesday; and, although the rate of earnings has been decreased due to inability to lend money for new buildings, the interest rate is still above that offered by practically all other saving institutions.

The Plymouth association is a member of the North Carolina Building and Loan League, the Federal Home Loan Bank, and the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation. Through the latter institution all savings up to \$5,000 are fully insured by the Federal Government.

Cannery at Mackeys Is Getting Ready To Operate This Year

Seeking Contracts for Tomato Acreage; Also To Can Fish and Roe

Preparations are now underway by the Welaka Fish & Produce Company, of Mackeys, to open its large cannery there within a little more than a month. The company will process herrings and herring roe at the start of the season, and then after fishing drops off sometime in May, will turn to the canning of tomatoes. The firm is seeking to make contracts with farmers of the section to produce tomatoes for delivery at the cannery, and more than 300 acres can be cared for by the plant.

It is announced that if ceiling prices permit, the prices to be paid for tomatoes at the Mackeys plant will be higher than they were last season. They will handle both green wraps and ripe, with a guarantee of 20 cents for ripe tomatoes. Seed can be bought from the Davenport Hardware Company here and from Swain & Davenport in Mackeys. It is explained that seed may be purchased on credit and payment deducted as deliveries are made to the plant. It was also stated that fertilizer is available for the production of tomatoes.

The Federal Government is appealing for increased quantities of both canned tomatoes and processed fish and fish products this year, and operators of the Mackeys plant hope to greatly enlarge their output this season. They are beginning their fourth year there.

The cannery is operated by Perry & Belch, of Colerain, and will be under the active direction of A. T. Belch, Jr. They expect to begin operations about the middle of March, when the catch of fish can be depended upon to keep the plant running full blast. From 75 to 100 people will be employed at the cannery at the height of the season, Mr. Belch said.

In addition to buying fish from independent commercial fishermen in the Mackeys section, the Welaka plant will also operate about 6 to 8 nets of their own this year. Hereafter they have depended on local fishermen to keep them supplied, but this year the labor shortage may affect the supply, and hence they plan to do some of their own fishing. As a rule, some fish are caught as early as February 15, but it is usually nearly a month later before the volume justifies opening the cannery. A great deal of fish is iced and shipped fresh early in the season, while later it is both canned and corned before shipping.

Last season the plant canned about 4,500 cases of roe, 4,200 cases of herring, 5,000 cases of tomatoes, and in addition handled nearly 2,000,000 salt and fresh fish.

Spotting Post to Begin Operation Next Week

Meeting Scheduled Tonight Postponed To Next Thursday

Construction Is Delayed by Weather Last Week; To Be Completed Today

Held up by bad weather last week, actual construction of the aircraft observation post here is being completed today, and only the painting and installation of furnishings remain before it will be declared ready for operation. The meeting to instruct volunteer observers, originally scheduled to be held tonight, has been postponed until Thursday night of next week, it was learned from Edward S. (Ted) Blount, chief observer, and very likely it will be the latter part of next week before the post is put in full-time operation on a 24-hour basis.

Lieutenants R. E. Manchey, Norfolk ground observer officer, and Albert H. Pyatt, public relations officer, will be at the meeting here Thursday night of next week. A sound motion picture showing the operation of the aircraft warning system will be presented, and the general public is invited and urged to attend. Those who have volunteered to act as observers are especially urged to be present, as it is planned to explain their duties at the meeting, which will be held at the courthouse at 8 p. m.

Additional volunteers still are being sought by Mr. Blount to help man the post here. So far, 111 persons have signified their willingness to serve, including 55 women and 56 men. Mr. Blount explains that the more volunteers there are, the less work there will be for the individual observers. It is hoped to secure sufficient volunteers so that each person will only have to serve about two hours each week or every other week. More than double the present number of volunteers can be used, the chief observer indicated.

Play at Creswell School Tomorrow

Creswell.—The home economics department of Creswell High School, under the direction of Miss Beulah White, will sponsor a three-act play, "Tempest and Sunshine," Friday, February 5th. Two performances will be given, at 2:30 and 8 p. m. A small admission will be charged, with the proceeds being used to buy furniture for the school. The public is invited and urged to attend.

The entire action of the play takes place in the living room of a Kentucky plantation home. The cast members are carefully selected, and the characterizations should be especially well presented. Rehearsals have been in progress for several weeks.

The cast of characters includes the following: Billy Bennett, Virginia Woodley, Katy Spruill, Nettie Hathaway, Clyde Smithson, Jr., Eva Livermore, Norma Belanga, Margie Oliver, Wallace Davenport and Francis Peele. Evelyn Belanga is assistant director of the play. Eulalie Patrick is chairman of the stage managers, the other being Bessie Lee Albertson, Adell Phelps and Christine Cuthrell. The publicity committee is composed of Onedia Davis, chairman; Gloria Craddock, Rosalind Davenport, Emily Enfield, and Ella Spruill.

Bond Sale Report Made By School at Creswell

Creswell.—War Bonds and stamps totalling \$3,280.40 were purchased at the Creswell High school Monday of last week, according to reports. Sales Monday of this week amounted to \$76.40.

Old-Time Revival Now in Progress at Roper Church

Roper.—An old-time revival meeting began at the Roper Pentecostal Holiness Church last Saturday night, conducted by the Rev. Chaplin Stepro, of the U. S. Army Air Corps, of West Virginia, assisted by the Rev. Jesse McCloud, pastor of the church. Other visiting ministers are expected to attend and take part. Special music and singing are features of the services, which begin each night at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Over \$216 Realized by Christmas Seal Drive

Mrs. A. J. Byrd, county chairman, this week reported that \$216.21 was raised during the Red Cross Christmas Seal Drive, which was brought to a close January 31. Of the total amount collected \$156.12 will be retained for tuberculosis work in the county. Last year the total amount raised in this campaign was \$181.

Mrs. Byrd, as president of the Woman's Club, which sponsored the campaign, wishes to thank everyone in the county who helped to make it a success.

Want More Books For Service Men

Mrs. W. H. Smith, chairman of the Victory Book Campaign for Washington County, issued the following statement this week: "Several very good books were contributed to the Victory Book Campaign last week. Please, won't you help make the drive a success in Plymouth by giving a really good book from your library? All you have to do is take your book down to Norman's Furniture Store and place it in the window. The boys will be so thankful."

Milton Ambrose, of Creswell, Dies After Illness Two Months

Well Known Farmer Passes In Columbia Hospital; Funeral Monday

Creswell.—Milton Ambrose, well known farmer of this section, died at the Columbia hospital Sunday night after an illness of about two months. The son of Jesse Harrison and Nancy Ambrose, Mr. Ambrose was born near Creswell and lived in the section all of his life. He was 57 years of age.

Funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon by the pastor of the Columbia Methodist church, and interment followed in the family cemetery. Mr. Ambrose was a member of the Methodist church and generally recognized as a hard worker and a quiet and useful citizen.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Victoria Godwin Ambrose, he is survived by three sons: Daston Ambrose, of Plymouth; Phillip and Chesleigh Ambrose, of Creswell; and ten grandchildren. He also leaves one brother, W. H. Ambrose, and a half-brother, W. T. Phelps.

Pall-bearers were Woodley Ambrose, Dewey Phelps, Chestre Davenport, Phillip Spruill, Edgar Woodley, and H. L. Davenport.

New Books on Pay Shelf at Library

The Washington County Public Library is this week establishing a pay shelf. On this shelf will be placed the newest books, and they may be rented for a week for 10 cents, or for half a week for 5 cents.

After the books have been on shelf for several weeks, they will be taken off and put in general circulation, and newer books are put on the pay shelf in their places.

The following books are to be found on the pay shelf at this time: "Good-Bye To Katharine," Allene Corless; "The Open Door," Floyd Van Keuren; "Blackout in Gretley," J. B. Priestly; "Mrs. Parkington," Louis Bromfield; "Hostages," Stefan Heym; "A Circle in the Dark," Helen Hull; "Wide Is the Gate," Upton Sinclair; "The Looking Glass," William March; "Tropic Moon," George Simon; "The Sea Is So Wide," Evelyn Eaton; "Bury Me Not," William Francis.

Only One Case Tried in Recorder's Court Tuesday

Only one case was tried again this week in Washington County Recorder's Court, and the judgment of Judge Edward L. Owens failed to stick in that case. Preston Marshall, colored, of Plymouth, R. F. D., was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. He was found guilty of simple assault by the recorder and fined \$10 and the costs of the action, but he entered an appeal to the superior court.

Town Council Takes Steps To Begin Foreclosure Delinquent Tax Accounts

The Town Council, at its regular meeting Monday night, appointed a committee to employ an attorney to begin foreclosure proceedings against property on which taxes have not been paid for 1940 and prior years. Town Councilman E. E. Harrell was named chairman of the committee to make the necessary arrangements, with Councilman J. Roy Manning and Tax Collector P. W. Brown appointed the other members.

Steps to enforce collection of past-due tax accounts have been under consideration by the councilmen for some time, but action in the past has been held up for one reason or another. The committee named Monday night was empowered to contract with an attorney to institute the proceedings on a commission basis; the attorney to receive 25 per cent of the amount of the past-due accounts, 12½ per cent when the taxes are paid and the other 12½ per cent when the job is completed. Delinquent taxpayers are advised that they can pay now and save the costs that will be added when proceeding are instituted.

Ration Information Direct From Office Of Local Board Here

Certificates Must Be Used Before Expiration Date; No Renewals

Following are some notes and information relative to various phases of the ration program, as gathered at the office of the local War Price and Rationing Board during the past week:

Certificates for the purchase of tires, boots, or any other articles on the rationed list must be used before the expiration date, and in the future no renewals or extensions will be granted. It is explained that when these certificates are allowed to lapse, the county quota for the month they were issued is reduced by that much. The rationing board advises that when the article authorized by the certificate is not available, the certificate should be turned over to the supplier to hold until the article comes in. In this manner the certificate does not expire in 30 days, as would be the case should the consumer keep it.

Tire inspectors are urgently requested to list the tires of each car in the order of their need for replacement or repair. List the worst tire first, then on down in order to the best tire, which should be listed last. This enables the board to allow replacements where most needed, when it is not possible to grant requests for repair or replacement of all the tires certified.

Matters which are to be brought to the attention of the rationing board at its regular meeting each Thursday night must be in the office by Wednesday. If they come in later than Wednesday, they will be held over until Thursday of the following week. This ruling is made because of the increasing demands being made on the board and also because a great deal of material must necessarily be looked up in connection with applications before the board can pass on them.

No. 3 fuel oil coupons may be used for about two more weeks, but they should be turned over to dealers for due bills when the owner does not have storage space for oil due him on these coupons.

Official inspectors should not recommend new tires when it is possible to recap the old ones. Continued lax inspections will result in inspectors being discontinued, according to information from the state OPA office. Before certifying to the need of new tires, the old ones must be removed from the rim and examination made to determine if the carcass can be recapped.

Individuals may apply for only one pair of rubber boots at the time. Employers may apply for more than one pair, but they must be all of the same type. Certificates are good for 30 days from the date of issuance.

Persons inducted into the armed forces must return all their ration books to the board, except that the basic "A" gasoline book may be retained if he still owns his automobile and it is being used by someone entitled to use it. All other ration books or coupons must be returned to the board.

The ration books of all deceased persons must be also returned to the ration board, except that the basic "A" gasoline book may be retained by any person entitled to use the automobile for which the book was issued.

Mrs. S. A. Ward Elected Auxiliary Vice President

Mrs. Sidney A. Ward, who represented the Woman's Auxiliary of Grace Episcopal church at the Diocesan convention in Washington last week, was elected vice president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of East Carolina. In her position as vice president of the Diocesan organization, Mrs. Ward will supervise the work of the various branches of the Woman's Auxiliary located in the Convocation of Edenton.

Mrs. Ward was also elected delegate to the triennial convention of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States of America.