The 13,000 War Ration Books No

Washington County week after next, arrived here recently and were placed

in one of the cells in the county ajil. Possibly a more or less gentle hint as to where violators of ration-

ing regulations will wind up if and

that his firm would guarantee farm-

ers 25 cents for ripe tomatoes this

season, instead of 20 cents as an-

that if ceiling prices permitted the

Attorneys Z. V. Norman and Carl

L. Bailey were in Raleigh Monday to

appear before the supreme court in

connection with some cases in which

Dealers who have coffee ration

bank accounts are advised by the

rationing board that coupons No. 27

must be deposited for credit before

February 16. Those who do not have

ration bank accounts should ex-

change the No. 27 stamp for new

coffee supplies with their wholesalers

The Washington County Selec-

tive Service Board advises that

landlords should file requests for

deferment of their farm tenants,

when there is justification for

uch claim. The tenant himself

not permitted to request defer-

nt on occupational grounds.

teen is now the minimum

number of war units required for

Lieutenant (jg) James Wood Nor-

man, of the U.S. Navy, Mrs. Nor-

man and their little daughter, of

Lichmond, are visiting Mr. and Mrs.

J. W. Norman, sr., here for a few

days. Lieutenant Norman recently

at Princeton University after enter-

ing the Navy early in December. He

was a chemical engineer at the Du-

pont plant in Richmond before re-

the hospital Monday to visit relatives

in Arkansas and Mississippi for sev-

eral weeks and is planning to return

to his work here around March 1st.

Roper Man Returns After

Three Years in Hawaii

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Williams,

jr., and little daughter, Particia Ann.

recently spent a few days with Mr.

Williams' mother, Mrs. Lily L. Wil-

liams, at Roper. Mr. Williams has

been in the Navy for 19 years and is

For the past three and a half years,

Mr. Williams and his family have

been living in the Hawaiian Islands,

where he was on active duty in the

Pacific War Zone for several months.

When he left Roper recently, he was

to report to Philadelphia, Pa., for

Elects Vestry Tuesday

At a meeting of the congregation

of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Ro-

per, held last Tuesday evening mem-

as ex-officio chairman.

in the month, February 21.

Roper Episcopal Church

now chief radio operator.

further duty.

ceiving his commission in the Navy.

completed his indoctrination course Lean to serve as toastmaster.

a 2-C or 3-C classification.

prices would range even higher.

they were interested.

before February 16.

when they are caught.

which are to be distributed in

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Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, February 11, 1943

Helpers Needed for New Point Rationing Making Efforts To Local Representative

teers are needed, as it is planned

to hold the registration at all

county schools, and possibly at

some other sites to be disignated

later. Complete details concern-

ing the registration will be pub-

Members of the rationing

board, school principals, a few

A representative of the Internal Revenue Department will be at the The local rationing board is courthouse here Tuesday and this week appealing to public Wednesday, February 23 and 24, to spirited citizens in all sections of assist tax payers in filing their Fethe county to volunteer their deral income tax returns. Those help for registration, issuance who wish to secure assistance are adand explanation of the use of vised to keep these dates in mind War Ration Book No. 2. The reand be on hand early. gistration will be held week after next, and a large number of War Bond sales, after reaching helpers will be needed to handle an all-time peak in Washington

issuance of the approximately County in January, have been 13,000 books in this county. very slow so far this month, a Meetings will be held at vacheck-up today revealed. The bank here has sold about \$2,000 worth up to today, and sales at the post office were around \$4,-000. The county quota for the month is \$19,411, against \$25,-410 in January. A T. Belch, jr., manager of the Welaka Fish & Produce Company plant at Mackeys, said this week

season, instead of 20 cents as announced last week. He also said Boy Scouts Father-

rious schools throughout the county next week to explain the registration. Those who can and will help are asked to give their names to the principals of their respective schools, specifying the hours and days it will be most convenient for them to serve, and they will be notifed when and where to report for the work. Both white and colored volun-

Son Banquet Will Be

Held Monday Night

District Scout Officials To

Attend; Program To Be

In Hands of Scouts

Arrangements are being completed

oday for holding a Boy Scout fa-

ther- and-son bankuet here next

Monday night at the Legion Hall at

7:30 o'clock. The banquet is a part

of the observance by the local troop

of Boy Scout Week, celerbated

throughout the nation from February

6 to 12, marking the 33rd anniver-

sary of the scouting movement in the

United States. Unable to hold the

banquet this week, plans were made

for it next Monday night. The home

nursing class, which usually meets in

the Legion Hall Monday nights, has

been transferred to the Christian

Church annex in order for the scou's

to have their meeting at this time.

The complete program has not

been completed, but brief talks by

scout leaders, stunts by the several

partols, awards of merit, and recog-

nition of the scouts will be reatures.

The meeting will really be in charge

scouts, their fathers, members of the

troop comittee, scout officials and

other invited guests. The banquet

will be served by members of the

As a part of the "Schools at War"

program, a class in home nursing has

been organized at the Plymouth High

School, under the supervision of

Mrs. Walter Dix, home economics

teacher. The class, composed of 25

lasses, is being taught by Mrs. Rob-

The instruction is given during

ert B. Trotman, a certified Red Cross

who successfully complete the course.

instructor in home nursing.

bers of the vestry for the year 1943 the regular classroom periods three

were elected, as follows: James A. times each week, and the course,

Chesson, James F. Leary, Ralph Kee- which was started last week, will con-

ler, Miss Ida Peacock, and Mrs. Isa tinue through the remainder of the

Johnston. The Rev. William B. Dan- spring semester. Certificates will be

iels, jr., minister-in-charge, will serve awarded to all members of the class

The vestry will hold its initial Much interest is being shown in the

meeting immediately after the 11 work, and both Mrs. Dix and Mrs.

o'colck service on the third Sunday Trotman are wel pleased at the prog-

girls from the junior and senior

Young Matrons' Circle of the Chris-

tian Missionary Society.

teachers and most of the clerical force from the rationing board office here are attending a meeting in Elizabeth City this morning, when the registration plans and point-rationing system were to be explained to them. _They will, in turn, hold meeting next week to instruct the volunteers

lished next week.

who will help in the registration. The point-rationing program, which will be inaugurated March 1, following issuance of War Ration Book No. 2 the week of February 22-27, is much more

Ration Office Will

Be Closed Fridays

complicated than the sugar, coffee ant shoe rationing now in effect. For this reason, it is important that those who can help in the registration attend the meetings next week, when the program will be explained. The time and place of the meetings will be announced in the various schools for the respective communities.

THE ROANOKE BEACON

It has already been decided to hold meeting for Plymouth volunteers Monday and Tuesday nights. Colored workers will meet at the courthouse Monday night at 8 o'clock, when the program will be explained to them; and white volunteers are asked to be at the courthouse Tuesday night, 8 o'clock, for the same purpose. Meetings in other parts of the county will be announced

at the schools. Begin Operation of Spotting Post Here

First Week; Added Volunteers Wanted

Plymouth aircraft warning post will

The ladies will operate the post nue from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m., on two-hour shifts, while the men will be on duty for three hours each between 8 p. called on to serve about once every high school building with the as 10 Undernourished Pupils 10 days. Seventy-eight men have volunteered, and their turns will come around about once every 20 days. teers and the longer hours account is called on to serve. More volun-

teers are wanted. The first lady named for each day will serve as captain for that day. and it will be her duty to notify all Friends of Eugene F. Still will be pleased to learn that he is much impleased to learn that he is much improved after a minor operation for proved after a minor operation for movement in this section. Each pamovement in this section. direction of the respective patrol places is used to buy 10 bottles of the event observers wish to trade leaders. The special awards will be milk daily for 10 undernourished hours, it is agreeable to do so; but each observer is responsible for the time designated, and whenever trades are effected, the chief observer should be notified.

> In starting the post off this week, Chief Observer Ted Blount issues the following statement: "If the schedule does not fit in with your work, please make trade of hours with some other (See SPOTTING POST, Page 6)

Ration Board Community Service Group Is Named

Creswell.-The Rev. B. W. Gaither community service representative of the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board, appeals to all receive a health check-up at stated citizens for their understanding and sincere cooperation in making the efshow a marked improvement in their forts of the rationing board most ef-

This week, posters condemning the hoarding of canned goods are being displayed in stores throughout the

Serving with Mr. Gaither on the board are: H. H. McLean, local representative for Plymouth; L. E. Hassell, local representative for Roper; and Harry P. Barnes, local representative for Creswell.

Continue Victory

By Mrs. W. H. SMITH During the past week there have been some very good books donated to the Victory Book Drive in progress here. Among them are: "Men of Albemarle," "Kitty Foyle," "Lou Gihrig, Pride of the Yankees," "Prize Stories of 1942," "The Man in Lower Ten," "Wild Geese," 'Through Embassy Eyes," "The Housekeeper's Daughter," "While the Patient Slept."

Citizens of Plymouth who have not contributed to the campaign, the purpose of which is to furnish enjoyable reading material to our service men, may do so by taking their books to Norman's

Current best sellers, fiction or non-fiction; western and adventures; detective and mystery stories are the types of books sought. Pocket books or other small-size editions of popular titles will also

Committee Will Be Here Next Week To Consider Request

In a telephone conversation at noon today, Mr. Sumner said a meeting was held with school authorities in Raleigh vesterday. and that a representative of the Federal government and a representative of the State School Commission will be in Plymouth next week to investigate the school situation here. It is understood that County Superintendent H. H. McLean and several others from here attended the meeting, in addition to the county representative.

The possibility of securing a Federal grant for building an addition to the high school here was declared to be very bright this week by Representative Ben A. Sumner, who has devoted much time to this matter since he has been attending the General Assembly in Raleigh. He said he had held a number of conferences Saturday Morning with state officials concerning the project, and has secured promises of support from Governor Broughton, Schedule Is Announced for State Superintendent of Schedule Is Announced for Clyde Erwin, and members of the State School Commission.

Plymouth has been the victim of peculiar series of circumstances With everything declared in readi- concerning the school situation localness, and the meeting to instruct ly. Facilities were entirely adequate volunteers being held tonight, the until the location here in 1937 of the pulp mill, which brought several be put into operation Saturday morn- hundred families to live in Plymouth ing at 8 a. m., according to Edward and a consequent large increase in S. (Ted) Blount, chief observer. Mrs. the school population. The mill it-Bessie Brown will have the first shift, self was built only a mile from town, from 8 to 10, followed by Mrs. W. H. but over the line in Martin County Smith, Mrs. C. H. Vaughn, Mrs. O. As a result, this county was called on S. Armstrong, Mrs. Claire Carlisle, to provide school facilities for childand Mrs. S. D. Davis at two- hour ren of most of the mill's workmen. yet it received little added tax reve-

About two years ago the old Hampton school building, used for the elementary grades, was condemned by Club Proves Worth m. and 8 o'clock the next morning. the state fire marshall. The county then made plans, by borrowing to far, which means that each will be the limit, to build an addition to the sistance of the WPA. Just about that time all building was halted by the start of the war, and there things The larger number of men volun- have remained to this day. School facilities are totally inadequate, and project, sponsored by the Plymouth for the difference in frequency each the county is barred from building an addition even if it could secure the money, which it can't.

According to Mr. Sumner, the first step in securing a Federal grant is to have Plymouth declared a defense other observers that day of their area. With all of the local industrial hours. The same rule applies to the plants engaged more than 95 per cent in war work, he believes this is possible; and he further believes state pital last Saturday. Mr. Still left trol will present a "stunt," under the cal drug stores and other public notify all others of their hours. In officials are so impressed with the urgent need of additional school facilities here that they will "go to bat" in helping to secure a Federal the Navy. Marine Corps and Coast grant to provide them. He hopes to have definite developments to report on the matter within another few

Special Service Sunday for

anniversary of the Boy Scout movement, will be held at the Plymouth Christian church at 7:30 p. m. Sunday night, it was announced today by the Rev. B. E. Taylor, pastor and scoutmaster of the local troop, who will deliver the sermon. All Scouts and their parents are requested to attend, and the boys are asked to sit in a body in the front pews of the middle row of the church. The oublic is invited to attend.

J. M. Phelps Now Captain in Army

Creswell.-Word was received here this week of the promotion of Lieuenant J. M. Phelps to the rank of captain in the Army Air Service Medical Corps on January 20 at the Maxton Army Air Base.

Captain Phelps, the son of J. I. and the late Mr. Ida W. Phelps, was the first physician from Washington County to volunteer for any branch of the service, entering the Army Air Corps last July. He reported at Morris Field. Charlotte, going from there to Bowman Field, Ky., for spectial training. Subsequently he spent several months at the Florence, S. C. air base, and while there he was sent to Carlyle, Pa., for another special course. Receiving his diploma there ne returned to Florence and was aft erwards transferred to the Maxton Field, where he received his recent promotion.

Dr. and Mrs. Phelps were also own ers of the German Shepherd "Duke. one of the first dogs from this state to be turned over to the armed forces 'Duke" is now doing patrol duty with the Coast Guard

\$240 Worth Bonds and Stamps Sold at Creswell

Creswell - It was reported this week Creswell.-It was reported this week that \$240.40 worth of War Bonds and Stamps were sold at Creswell school Monday of this week.

Registration in County Week After Next For School Building Presents Several Bills For County This Week



William Robert Darden, of Plymouth, received a promotion, to fireman first class in the Navy recently for bravely under fire while entering a North African port." A story in a Norfolk paper relates that two Navy men from there were promoted at the same time, and it is presumed that the three men were together. It is reported that the three men, forced to abandon their ship, swam ashore, and their "meritorious conduct under fire" at that time won promotion for each of them. Mr. Darden's wife, Mrs. Melba Ruth Gurkin Darden, lives on Brinkley Avenue here.

29 County Colored Men on Draft List For Next Thursday

Men Called Now Subject to Service in Army, Navy Or Marine Corps

Twenty-nine colored men from Washington County will leave Thursday of next week, February 18, for Fort Bragg to take their final physical and mental examinations to determine their fitness to serve in the county depository, and Mr. Sumner armed forces of the nation. The call is one of the smallest in several months for this county. Originally only 25 men were called for, but the quota was increased 20 per cent to Guard.

Men called up for induction now are subject to service in any one of the four branches of the armed forces. Each inductee is asked to state by every one of the other 16 "wet" his preference, and so far as possible Boy Scouts and Parents their requests for service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast A special service, honoring the 33rd Guard are granted, according to reports from Fort Bragg.

Of the 29 leaving next week, 16 are from Plymouth. 8 are from Roper, 3 from Mackeys and 2 from Cres-The quota is still short one well. clasification. Following is the list to leave next week:

From Plymouth: Ira Barnes. Harold Lee Smithwick, William Henry Brown, Dennis Johnson, Gus Speller, James Arthur Brown, Leon Marcellus Booth, James Moore, Charles Linwood Allen, William Edward Hedgebeth, James Anthony Spruill, Asa Selwyn Halsey, Connie G. Johnson, Bennie Blount, John Henry Wynn, George Sumner.

From Roper: Charlie Mack Hagens, Booker T. Satterthwaite, Nathan Jackson, Charles Lee Rupert Lee Freeman, Andrew Warren Chesson, 1942, at Fort Jackson, S. C. Since Phillip Lee Cox, Lora Johnson Norman. Henry Webb.

Blount, Johnny James Phelps

CITED FOR BRAVERY Office of Treasurer Abolished; Board of **Education Is Named**

P. M. Arps, L. E. Hassell And P. B. Belanga To Head School Set-Up

Washington County's representaive to the General Assembly Ben A. Sumner, is planning to introduce at least three bills in the house this week dealing with county affairs, he said while home last week-end. One of the bills provides for abolishing the office of county treasurer at the end of the incumbent's term, another will require the county to share net profits received from operation of ABC stores with the towns in which stores are located; and the third, introduced Tuesday, fixes pay of Recorder's Court jurymen at \$1.50 per day in stead of 50 cents as at present.

Mr. Sumner also announced that ne had decided to recommend appointment of an entirely new county board of education to the house committee on education, and the men to be appointed will be named on the omnibus bill soon to be reported to the house. Mr. Sumner will recommend appointment of the following to constitute the new board of edueation: P. M. Arps, of Plymouth; L. E. Hassell, of Roper; and Paul B. Belanga, of Creswell. Present members of the board are C. N. Davenport, jr., of Creswell, and R. C. Peaock, of Roper. Walter H. Paramore, now of Raleigh, was the third member, but has not served since he noved from Plymouth last May.

The new board of education mempers, when appointed in the omnibus oill, will assume office the first Moniay in April. The county representative explained that he was appointng an entirely new board in order to eliminate the possibility of friction between any old and new members. and he said he believed the above appointments would meet with the approval of a majority of county

The bill to abolish the office of treasurer is designed to save the county more than \$600 annually representing the salary and cost of bond of the official. Under its terms the Branch Banking & Trust Company of Plymouth will be appointed said the bank has agreed to serve in county. This bill will become effective on the first Monday in December, 1944, at the expiration of the term of the present treasurer, C. N. Davenport, sr., of Creswell.

The representative said his bill requiring division of ABC profits with towns in which stores are located is designed to bring Washington County into line with the practice adopted

(See COUNTY BILLS, Page 6)

Clinton Tarkenton, Jr., Now Major in U.S. Army

Captain J. Clinton Tarkenton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton, of Mackeys, was recently promoted to man, due to a list-minute change in the rank of major in the United States Army. Major Tarkenton graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., December 1 and now serves with the regimental staff of the 13th Infantry, 8th Division, at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

W. S. Jordan, of Creswell, Is Promoted To Sergeant

Creswell.-William S. Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jordan, was recently promoted to the grade of sergeant in the United States Army. He then he has had training at Fort Monmouth, N. J., and Camp Crow-From Mackeys: Willis Henry Pax- der, Mo. He was promoted to coron, James Chesson, Clinton Jack- poral several months ago while at Camp Crowder, and his friends here From Creswell: William Jordan have been expecting his further pro-

Must Apply for 1942 Parity Payments ately taking over a non-combatant Army job releasing a soldier for combat duty, or participating in the expanded WAAC training program Before March 1; Sign Farm Plans Now which eventually will replace a full

Washington County farmers are urged to file their applications for 1942 farm parity payments with the office of County Agent W. V. Hays before March 1, or they will not be eligible to receive such payments. Nearly 100 farmers have not filed applications so far, it was said at the

office this week. County farmers are also advised to sign their 1943 farm plans at the county agent's office immediately, or they will not be eligible for the 1943 payments. So far, it was said that more than 750 farmers had signed their work sheets, leaving about

were supposed to have been made out and signed before this time, but it was said that a few more days would be allowed delinquents to come in and sign.

Parity payments on the past

year's crops are now coming into the county in large numbers. Up to yesterday, checks had been mailed to signers of 312 applications, total amount of moey represented being in excess of \$13,000. Parity payments for the 1942 crops are averaging much smaller than they did for the preceding year, due to the higher prices paid for farm preducts last season, it is said.

Fletcher, was added to the pay shelf this week

Mrs. J. K. Reid, secretary to the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board announced this week that in the future the office of the board in courthouse here would be closed

to the public all day every Friday. On all other week days, including Saturdays, the office will be open to the public from 10 to 12 a. m., and from 1 to 3 p. m. The Friday closing was adopted so that employees could issue certificates and perform other necessary office work following meetings of the board on Thursday

Milk Fund Project Backed by Junior

In First Grade Get Half Pint Milk Daily

of the boys, with Scout Harry Mc-Begun January 1st, the milk fund Scout Executive J. A. Gaskins, of Junior Woman's Club, is proving to Wilson, has been invited to be present and make a brief talk. Z. V. be definitely a very worthy program for the benefit of undernourished Norman, member of the local troop children in the first grade at the locommittee, will review the history of cal school. The club plans to conscouting in Plymouth; and Field tinue the project until the close of

made by some member of the troop children, according to Miss Frances Turnage, first-grade teacher. The Scoutmaster B. E. Taylor said yes- milk is delivered daily at 10:15, the terday that he expected about 60 mid-morning lunch hour for the first

to attend the banquet, including graders. Other children in the Hampton school, which includes all the primary grades, realizing the need of "milk for health's sake," began bringing their nickles to school in order to buy a bottle of cold milk for the mid-morning lunch. Now, in addition to the 10 children who receive a Home Nursing Class half-pint bottle of milk free, there are about 50 to 60 children who buy In High School Here a bottle of milk each morning, and all the children are said to eagerly a bottle of milk each morning, and

wait the arrival of the "milk man." The 10 undernourished children intervals, and it is believed they will physical condition before the end of fective.

WAAC Commission Given Mrs. James

Fort Des Moines, Iowa.-Mrs. Katherine Bridgers James, of 115 W. Third Street, Plymouth, has been commissioned a third officer in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. She was selected for officer training on the basis of her ability and record of work as an auxiliary in the WAAC. Third officer is the WAAC equivalent of second lieutenant in the Army.

She will be assigned to an executive position in the WAAC, immedifield army with trained womanpower in behind-the-lines Army jobs.

Over 1,000 Library Books In Circulation Last Month

Circulation at the Washington County Public Library is increasing every month. During January 1,011 oooks were circulated "Men of the Albemarle", by Inglis

"Battle for the Solomons" by Ira Wolfert, "The Problems of Lasting Peace" by Herbert Hoover and Hugh Gibson and "Susz to Singapore" by Cecil Brown were placed in the library this week.

Book Drive Here

Furniture Store.

Volunteer Aircraft Spotters Urged To Attend Meeting in Courthouse Tonight

All volunteer observers for the local aircraft warning post are urged to be present and the general public is invited to a meeting at the courthouse tonight (Thursday), when the operation of the aircraft warning system will be explained and plans perfected for beginning operation of the local post Saturday morning. A moving picture will be shown and several Army and Civilian Defense officials will be on hand for the meeting.

The meeting starts at 8 o'clock. Captain Vaughn, ground observer for the First Interceptor Command, Army Air Corps, of Norfolk, and several other Army officers will be in charge of the meeting. Roy McMillan, state chairman; Norman Y. Chambliss, district representative; P. Bruce Bateman, county chairman, and other Civilian Defense Council officials are expected to attend.

P. W. Brown, district chief, and Edward S. (Ted) Blount. chief observer of the Plymouth spotting post, urge all volunteer observers here to be present. The method of making reports and other phases of the work will be explained in detail.