

The 13,000 War Ration Books No. 2, which are to be distributed in Washington County week after next, arrived here recently and were placed in one of the cells in the county jail.

A representative of the Internal Revenue Department will be at the courthouse here Tuesday and Wednesday, February 23 and 24, to assist tax payers in filing their Federal income tax returns.

War Bond sales, after reaching an all-time peak in Washington County in January, have been very slow so far this month, a check-up today revealed.

A T. Belch, Jr., manager of the Welaka Fish & Produce Company plant at Mackeys, said this week that his firm would guarantee farmers 25 cents for ripe tomatoes this season, instead of 20 cents as announced last week.

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 they were interested.

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.

The Washington County Selective Service Board advises that landlords should file requests for deferment of their farm tenants, when there is justification for such claim.

Lieutenant (jg) James Wood Norman, of the U. S. Navy, Mrs. Norman and their little daughter, of Richmond, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Norman, sr., here for a few days.

Friends of Eugene F. Still will be pleased to learn that he is much improved after a minor operation for throat trouble in a Philadelphia hospital last Saturday.

Roper Man Returns After Three Years in Hawaii

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Williams, jr., and little daughter, Patricia Ann, recently spent a few days with Mr. Williams' mother, Mrs. Lily L. Williams, at Roper.

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.

Roper Episcopal Church Elects Vestry Tuesday

At a meeting of the congregation of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Roper, held last Tuesday evening members of the vestry for the year 1943 were elected as follows: James A. Chesson, James P. Leary, Ralph Keeler, Miss Ida Peacock, and Mrs. Isa Johnston.

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Helpers Needed for New Point Rationing Registration in County Week After Next

The local rationing board is this week appealing to public spirited citizens in all sections of the county to volunteer their help for registration, issuance and explanation of the use of War Ration Book No. 2.

Members of the rationing board, school principals, a few teachers and most of the clerical force from the rationing board office here are attending a meeting in Elizabeth City this morning.

It has already been decided to hold meetings for Plymouth volunteers Monday and Tuesday nights. Colored workers will meet at the courthouse Monday night at 8 o'clock.

Boy Scouts Father-Son Banquet Will Be Held Monday Night

Arrangements are being completed today for holding a Boy Scout father-and-son banquet here next Monday night at the Legion Hall at 7:30 o'clock.

District Scout Officials To Attend; Program To Be In Hands of Scouts

The complete program has not been completed, but brief talks by scout leaders, stunts by the several patrols, awards of merit, and recognition of the scouts will be features.

Home Nursing Class In High School Here

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.

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.

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Ration Office Will Be Closed Fridays

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.

Milk Fund Project Backed by Junior Club Proves Worth

Begun January 1st, the milk fund project, sponsored by the Plymouth Junior Woman's Club, is proving to be definitely a very worthy program for the benefit of undernourished children in the first grade at the local school.

10 Undernourished Pupils In First Grade Get Half Pint Milk Daily

The first lady named for each day will serve as captain for that day, and it will be her duty to notify all other observers that day of their hours. The same rule applies to the men serving at night.

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 citizens for their understanding and sincere cooperation in making the efforts of the rationing board most effective.

Continue Victory Book Drive Here

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.

Begin Operation of Spotting Post Here Saturday Morning

With everything declared in readiness, and the meeting to instruct volunteers being held tonight, the Plymouth aircraft spotting post will be put into operation Saturday morning at 8 a. m.

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 armed forces of the nation.

J. M. Phelps Now Captain in Army

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

Volunteer Aircraft Spotters Urged To Attend Meeting in Courthouse Tonight

All volunteer observers for the local aircraft spotting 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 spotting system will be explained and plans perfected for beginning operation of the local post Saturday morning.

240 Worth Bonds and Stamps Sold at Creswell

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

Making Efforts To Get Federal Grant For School Building

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 yesterday, 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.

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.

Plymouth has been the victim of a peculiar series of circumstances concerning the school situation locally. Facilities were entirely adequate until the location here in 1937 of the pulp mill, which brought several hundred families to live in Plymouth and a consequent large increase in the school population.

About two years ago the old Hampton school building, used for the elementary grades, was condemned by the state fire marshal. The county then made plans, by borrowing to the limit, to build an addition to the high school building with the assistance of the WPA.

According to Mr. Sumner, the first step in securing a Federal grant is to have Plymouth declared a defense area. With all of the local industrial plants engaged more than 95 per cent in war work, he believes this is possible, and he further believes state 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 grant to provide them.

Special Service Sunday for Boy Scouts and Parents

A special service, honoring the 33rd 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.

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CITED FOR BRAVERY



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.

29 County Colored Men on Draft List For Next Thursday

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 his preference, and so far as possible their requests for service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast 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 Creswell. The quota is still short one man, due to a list-minute change in classification.

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

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